Minutes of the 5 Oct. 2010 AS Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Jamey Anderson, Dianne Berman, Mary Colavito, Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Nancy Hanson, Janet Harclerode, John Henderson, Steven Kaufman, Lesley Kawaguchi, Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones, Lisa Lewis-Burns, Laura Manson, Pete Morris, Melody Nightingale, Eric Oifer, Wendy Parise, Christine Schultz, Esau Tovar, Carol Womack.

Excused: Gregory Brookins, Janie Jones, Mitra Moassessi, Gary Todd.


Guest: Robert Gonzalez.

I. Call to Order  President Eric Oifer called the meeting to order  11:20 a.m.

II. Action Items:

1. Approval of the Minutes for September 21, 2010


Roberto Gonzalez (for Gary Todd) announced the Basic Skills Initiative workshops, which present a compilation of what BSI has done. New workshops are also planned. 70% of our students place into precollege English and math. The BSI team is interested in having further conversations regarding other strategies to help our students. Roberto asked interested members to RSVP to him.
2. AR 3429 Administrator Retreat Rights Process – Jamey Anderson, Chair Personnel Policies

Older version:  

Newest version:  
http://www.smc.edu/Projects/37/Personnel_Policies_Committee/AR_3429_Administrator_Retreat_Rights_Process_Final_Draft_09_09_10.pdf

Ed Code 87458:  

This report comes to the executive committee from the Personnel Policies Committee, which decided to take the word rights out of the title and rename the document “retreat process”.

Key changes from last year include:

Item 1: phrase was added: “...once his or her administrative position ends...”

Item 1, Section C: added: “...or possesses qualifications deemed sufficient...”

This is an example of mutual agreement in play, and took a lot of work to get here.

It puts us in compliance with Title 5 and gives us a smoother process at SMC. The existing policy was not clear about what happens next.

Section #2 gives the Senate a new level of involvement; the department AND senate must approve the retreat.

VOTE—passed unanimously. Will now go to Assembly as a first read.

III. Information Items:

1. President’s Report – Eric Oifer
   a. SB1440

   Associate degree for transfer is now written into law. An email was received from California Academic Senate President Jane Patton, which outlines the current status of discussions to coordinate compliance with SB 1440.

   Statewide intersegmental discipline faculty groups will meet to determine which courses would comprise the degree. The Course Identification (C-ID) meetings will begin this week. This does not mean existing degrees must be discontinued. CSU, however, may require additional courses to be completed. We will work with CSU on this.

   This is a significant development. There will be challenges in implementations, and it will impact funding.

   If students meet the requirements of a transfer AA, they will be guaranteed admittance to a CSU, though not necessarily their first choice.
The community colleges will try to create templates, because our students take courses at SMC plus other CCs, and we need uniformity for the transfer model curriculum. The transfer degree will parallel other non-transfer degrees. State sees discrepancy between numbers of students... Various facets of the bill still need to be worked out, and the Chancellor's Office will coordinate those efforts. Eric would like to inform the Senate of this next week. Eric will appoint faculty to the statewide discussion group.

SB 1440 will be discussed at the state Academic Senate plenary session on Nov 11-13 in Anaheim.

b. New Full-Time Faculty Position Ranking Committee

The Committee met and brought info to the Chairs meeting on Friday. A few things still need to be worked out. Objective/subjective criteria will be weighted 50/50. Subjective criteria will include questions regarding how a new hire will help in terms of current demand and curricular needs; a 3-5 year view in terms of department and college goals will be needed.

c. BRIC Homework --deferred

d. Academic Senate Orientation --deferred

e. Effect of board policy banning College business with State of Arizona

This has not been well-publicized. It's open to a wide range of interpretation. Arizona conferences will not be funded. Global Council speaker for spring program is from Arizona. Does this mean we can't pay him? It is now urgent to bring in front of the Board. What are the boundaries?

2. Committee Reports

a. Add Code Policy Recommendations - Greg Brookins, Chair Student Affairs

This was deleted from the agenda. It will go back to the committee. At the Chairs meeting, members asked for a return to wait lists. The purpose of wait list is to see how many students cannot get into classes. First-time students need to be protected with a wait list. The wait list was discontinued, because students on the wait list had an expectation that they would be added to the class. Suggestion: create a dynamic wait list that would automatically add and delete students. Students should not appear on multiple wait lists for the same class.
The Senate needs to have this conversation Eric will agendize it for the Assembly. He will also talk to Jeff and Randy to see what wait lists would look like. He will ask Greg to come to the next Chairs mtg.

b. ISIS SLO Portal Pilot - Christine Schultz & Lesley Kawaguchi, Co-Chairs SLO

The pilot is ready to go. Faculty with 8-week classes are set to go Oct. 10. Each roster has the student’s name and SLOs for the course. SLOs are an accreditation issue. We’re trying to come up with a system that meets all our needs. The Faculty Association’s position is that this is more work we’re not getting paid for.

c. Tutoring Task Force Update - Janet Harclerode, Chair

The task force is trying to determine its goals. They will look at the benefits and challenges of our decentralized model of tutoring. They will also determine what data needs to be collected.

Suggestions:

Find ways to get faculty more involved (professional development, teaching one on one.)
Put common signage on campus where tutoring is offered.

IV. Announcements

Reminder regarding the Potluck Dinner Social on Oct. 9 at Terry Green’s.

V. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.