Minutes of the 16 Nov. 2010 AS Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Jamey Anderson, Dianne Berman, Gregory Brookins, Tim Cramer, Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Nancy Hanson, Janet Harclerode, Janie Jones, Lesley Kawaguchi, Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones, Lisa Lewis-Burns, Laura Manson, Jennifer Merlic, Melody Nightingale, Eric Oifer, Wendy Parise, Christine Schultz, Gary Todd, Esau Tovar, Sal Veas, Carol Womack.

Excused: Mary Colavito, Tina Feiger, Amber Katherine,

Absent: John Henderson, Steven Kaufman, Mitra Moassessi, Pete Morris.

I. Call to Order: meeting was called to order at 11:22 a.m.

II. Action Items:

1. Approval of the Minutes for November 2, 2010
   Accepted as presented.

2. AR 3429 Administrator Retreat Process - Jamey Anderson, Chair Personnel Policies
   This is a first read. Changes are highlighted.
   Major change in section 1-A: The phrase "...their admin position ends" was eliminated and changed to: “Their administrative assignment expires...” The word "position" has no legal standing.
   !-A: A second sentence was added: “A voluntary resignation does not constitute an expiration of an administrative assignment.”
   This AR will return to the Senate for a vote before the end of the semester.
Change in language was accepted.

3. AR 4311 Grade Entries – Greg Brookins, Chair Student Affairs (See below)
This AR needs to be updated because of a Title 5 language change. CR/NC grades are being changed to Pass/No Pass. Administration now requires students to have 2.0 GPA to take a class P/NP; this is not in the AR. Greg will check into this.

Both ARS will go to the Senate for vote.

4. AR - Full-Time Status for Students with Disabilities with Reduced Course Load - Greg Brookins, Chair Student Affairs (See below)
Questions from the Senate were taken back to the committee. Bob Myers helped to clarify that this AR is about reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. It is not just about employment, but includes other things, like scholarships. It is not about employment, but about the disability

III. Information Items:
1. President’s Report - Eric Oifer

   a. ASCCC Fall Plenary Session
   Lesley, Janet and Eric attended. Eric wrote an amendment to the C-ID resolution to include areas of emphasis. Most attendees were supportive of our resolution.
   If you are interested in being on a committee that discusses/recommends a degree, let Eric know.
   SB 1143—development of student success measures. There was discussion regarding how community colleges are funded. Looking at Florida and Washington. Now we are funded for open access, rather than by our success/completion rate.
   If we are funded based on our success rate, what is the definition of success? It depends on students’ goals.
   No faculty groups are on the list to discuss this. It’s important that we engage in this discussion. What matrix would you use?
   Esau said that the district is already engaging in this conversation, but it may be premature.
   Eric will bring this up at Leaders. We should be involved.
   Statewide tracking is now available for students who go to multiple schools (called “swirling”) as they move from college to college. An example of why swirling happens: SMC offers biochemistry; students come here because other schools don’t offer it.
Assessment is an important issue for all of us. Greg Gilbert of Copper Mountain College, and Lee Fritschler, George Mason University, questioned recent government efforts to reform education. They said that our enemy is not accreditation; it’s the outside agency’s (federal government) wish to standardize.

The issue is whether we will do the assessment or someone else will do it for us. For SMC it means taking a look at the data and variables in our Institutional Effectiveness Report to see whether they make sense.

b. IE Report, What now?
Administration does not want ownership of our Institutional Effectiveness Report. They want it to come from the Senate. Eric has asked committee chairs to discuss the report and to see what is useful. The Senate will continue to discuss it. We want the Senate to make recommendations on it.

c. Solar Installation
Solar panels will save the campus over $7000 per month, but the installation costs were significant. We had a grant and partnered with Chevron, but it’s a wash. They will be powering the parking lots and good part of the business building. The panels also shade the cars in the garage.

d. eCollege proprietary content AR
A student was found to be lifting threaded discussion content from a course, and copying it to his blog. This was judged to be inappropriate student behavior; students log in with passwords and have an expectation of privacy. Senate will draft an AR on this.

2. Committee Reports

a. Hayward Award Nominee – Esau Tovar, Chair Sabbatical, Awards and Fellowships
Nominations were received. Laura Manson is our Hayward nominee. Her name will be submitted by the Dec. 1 deadline.

b. Student Services SLOs – Christine Schultz and Lesley Kawaguchi, Co-Chairs S/ILO
Committee has been moving forward on how we are going to deal with SLOs for administrative units and student services. We want to use institutional measures, not class-level measures.
A survey will be funded and given to students. This is to measure student engagement, not for student services. This will be in addition to departments
doing their own assessment. It must be ongoing. Data will become public. This idea needs to be exposed more widely; discussion has just begun.

IV. Announcements
Janie Jones announced a Senate happy hour Thursday at El Torito

V. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm