



SMC ACADEMIC SENATE

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

11:15-12:35 p.m. Business Building Room 144

Present: Anderson, Jamey; Antrim, Brenda; Baduel, Zeny; Beardsley, Jason; Bernstein, Teri; Bober, Mary; Boosheri, Sara; Breedlove, Karen; Brookins, Greg; Campbell, Laura; Cavanaugh, Jamie; Chandler, Francis; Davis Del Piccolo, Guido; Douglas, Judith; Farber, Georgia; Feiger, Tina;; Geddes, James; Goodfellow, Candyce; Graziadei, Keith; Harclerode, Janet; Hunt, Steve; Jaffe, Sharon; Jerry, Gina; Jones, Janie; Kawaguchi, Lesley; Klineman, Michael; Kluckhohn-Jones, Lucy; Lewis, Brandon; Londe, Stephen; Magallon, Beatriz; Manson, Laura; Martin, Jim; Mazorow, Moya; Merlic, Jennifer; Misaghi, Angelina; Mobasher, Fereshteh; Morris, Peter; Nestler, Andrew; Oifer, Eric; Pacchioli, Jim; Rogers, John; Sterr, Susan; Strathearn, Michael; Szekely-Garcia, Claudia; Tilley, Rosilynn; Tovar, Esau; Trujillo, Marc; Van der Ohe, Christina; Veas, Sal; Villapando, Alicia; Zehr, David

Excused: Burson, Patricia; Colavito, Mary; Dalton, Carrie; Gallogly, Ethan ; Hotsinpilller, Matthew; Kraut, Deborah; Munoz, Maria; Nightingale, Melody; Rothman, Vicki; Schultz, Christine.

Absent::; Della Rocca, Giulio; Goldenson, Richard; Henderson, John; Kidd, Jo; Kravitz, Peggy; Moassessi, Mitra; Roque, Elaine; Scott, Jackie; Strong, Lydia; Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Richard.

Guests: Frisch, Dennis; Mejia, Vanessa; Owens, Michael

I. Call to Order: at 11:16 am

II. Public Comments

- Keith Graziadei reminded faculty that Student Success Committee is offering a series of workshops on using technology in the classroom.

III. Action Items

1. Approval of the Minutes for September 13, 2011

[Minutes for September 13, 2011](#)

- **Motion Moved: Esau Tovar**
- **Motion Seconded: Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones**
- **Vote: unanimously passed with name corrections noted**

2. [Approval of Committees](#)

- CTE Committee: will be removed for correction
- **Motion Moved: Esau Tovar**
- **Vote: unanimously passed**

3. Approval of Grade Appeals Committee (see below)

4. [Curriculum Items](#) – Guido Davis-Del Piccolo, Chair of Curriculum Committee

- Wrote an annual report for the Board and available on the website; faculty urged to read the report
- SB 1440: Sociology degree is pending approval
- SB 1440: Math degree has been approved by following the Transfer Model Curricula (TMC) but CSU would not approve.
 - Primary CSU concern: how will a transfer student complete sufficient math *and* upper division coursework *and* the American Institution requirement (6 units), *especially* if the latter was not taken prior to transfer- Cannot provide guarantee the student will be completed with 60 units.
- Political Science did not follow TMC
- Chemistry did follow TMC but the TMC for Chemistry has been pulled
- The TMC is a problematic process but it is worthwhile being involved in the discussions
- Close to launching CurricUNET next week (October 5th)
 - CurricUNET is a web based program for curriculum development.
 - In the future, all curriculum will be developed and revised using the program. All existing curriculum is being entered into the system; thus departments will not need to do this work.
- http://www.curricunet.com/cnet_home/market_letter.cfm
- CurricUNET Training: October 5th 11:00-1:00 Library 192, October 6th: 10:00-3:00pm Library 192 - Open to all faculty and Chairs are especially encouraged to participate in the training.
- UC and CSU are being encouraged to ask for *course outlines of record* instead of syllabi; used for articulation purposes.
- Physics pre-requisites are now being enforced electronically.
 - Pre-requisite waivers and challenge exams are being developed
- **Course Revisions: (see link below)**
 - <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/AcademicSenate/CurriculumCommittee/Pages/2011-2012.aspx>
 - COSM 26 from one unit to ½ unit
 - COSM 31B from one to ½ unit
 - COSM 14 to 14A and 14B
 - ANTHRO 19: (new course credit) The Culture of Food can be used for Global citizenship
 - CS 30: MATLAB Programming (new course credit and distant ed course): a tool used in engineering and the sciences for graphing and solve complex problems (with Physics and Earth Science department).
 - Discussion regarding CS 30:
 - Pre-requisite: Math-20 was approved.
 - Concern regarding the prerequisite packet.
 - Concern Math-20 is at a basic level and does not include logic Concern Math-20 is not a high-level course.
 - The higher the pre-requisite the more likely that this will help achieve UC transferability.
 - MATLAB is taught as lower division at multiple community colleges (8) and they have a calculus pre-requisite.
 - Laney College <http://www.laney.edu/wp/> has no actual pre-requisite and Santa Rosa has a Math-2 pre-requisite which is one above Math-20 <http://www.santarosa.edu/>.
 - The SMC MATLAB differs since it teaches the students *how* to use the tool rather than develop the equations that the tool utilizes.
 - Course is designed for people who are interested in science but not “computer scientists” and therefore calculus may not be necessary for teaching the topic to the students.
 - JPL would like that their interns to have a MATLAB course- one reason for the development of the course.
 - A comparable MATLAB course at UC Davis course is ECS 130 which is an upper level course.
- CS 53A: iOS Development with Objective C (new course credit and distant ed. course) and PHOTO 30: pre-requisite of Photo-5 (new course credit)
- **Motion Moved: Andrew Nestler to separate CS30 out of the remaining courses for further review**
- **Motion Seconded: Susan Sterr**
- **Vote in Favor: 27**
- **Opposed 1**

- **Abstained 3**
- **Motion to accept all changes to curriculum presented with the exception of CS 30**
- **Vote: Unanimously passed**
- **Motion Moved to table CS 30 for further review: Eric Oifer**
- **Motion Seconded: David Zehr**
- **Vote in Favor: 26**
- **Opposed 2**
- **Abstained 2**

IV. Information Items

1. STARS – Eric Oifer, Chair of Environmental Affairs Committee

- **STARS provides rating in three areas (listed below)**
Area-1: Education
Area-2: Operations
Area-3: Management and Planning\
- SMC has not yet officially signed up for STARS
- Question of interest: How can education be utilized to lead to carbon neutrality and sustainability?
- De Anza Community College and Butte College have signed up for STARS
- EAC would like to work towards the “Climate Commitment”
- Courses that have SLOs mapped to ILO-4 --sustainability related courses.
- Part of the goal is to account for the SMC sustainability efforts and provide tools for students be aware if a course includes a sustainability goal.
- How do we want to evaluate a course as a sustainability related course?
- A course may be “greened” but can we account for its specific SLO sustainability goal?
- This issue is important since it works toward the larger campus goals of greening our curriculum *and* the “Climate Commitment”.

2. 1143 Task Force on Student Success – Lesley Kawaguchi, Chair of Legislative Committee

- Senate Bill 1143 effective January 1, 2011, requires the Board of Governors to establish a task force to examine best practices for promoting student success and adopt a plan for improving student success within the California Community Colleges.
- Legislation has been passed and a Student Success Task Force was formed with only five faculty members.
- Nancy Shulock states our current system is “broken” and is on this Task Force
- Concern that there may be mandated assessments
- Important to include our voice and provide contributions on these issues
- This link is on the Chancellor website: (see link)
<http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/TaskForceonStudentSuccess/tabid/1894/Default.aspx>

3. **Orientation Workshop Schedule**

- Posted on the Senate Website <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/AcademicSenate/Pages/New-Faculty-Workshops-2011-2012.aspx>
- This week is related to achieving student success
- These workshops are offered each month including new faculty experiences

4. **Adjunct Faculty Survey – Angelina Misaghi , Co-Chair of Adjunct Committee**

- 205 responses to survey of adjunct faculty

- Four main areas of interest were identified (four items listed below)
 - Item-1: Social activity: 53% interest*
October 8th: hike is planned with Bill Selby
Group Walks to beach also planned
 - Item-2: Advantages and resources for faculty: 90% interest*
 - Item-3: Connecting adjunct faculty with professional development resources*
 - Item-4: Mentoring: directed to departments and department chairs*
- Web-based links to adjunct committee activities on Senate Adjunct Committee page.

V. Announcements

- Professional Development Calendar will be posted
- Next Tuesday: **Oct 4 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS SERIES** | Dr. Michael
Diamond: "21st Century Education: Is Asia Outpacing the US?" | 11:15am | HSS 165

VI. Adjournment

- 12:27

ACTION ITEM NO. 2

Grade Appeals Committee

John Hoover
Delores Raveling
Claudia Szekley
Harvey Stromberg,