



SMC ACADEMIC SENATE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

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

Present: Anderson Jamey; Antrim Brenda; Baudel Zeny; Beardsley Jason; Bernstein Teri; Bober Mary; Boosheri Sara; Breedlove Karen; Campbell Laura; Chandler Fran; Colavito Mary; Davis Del Piccolo Guido; Dalton Carrier; Feiger Tina; Gallogly Ethan; Goodfellow Candyce; Graziadei Keith; Harclerode Janet; Hotsinpillar Matthew; Hunt Steve; Jaffe Sharon; Jones Janie; Klineman Michael; Kluckhohn-Jones Lucy; Kraut Deborah; Lewis Brandon; Londe Stephen; Magallon Beatriz; Manson Laura; Martin Jim; Mazorow Moya; Merlic Jennifer; Morris Peter; Munoz Maria; Nestler Andrew; Nightingale Melody; Pacchioli Jim; Rogers John; Rothman Vicki; Strathearn Michael; Tilley Rosilynn; Tovar Esau; Veas Sal

Excused: Bookins Greg; Burson Patricia; Cavanaugh Jamie; Douglas Judith; Farber Georgia; Jerry Gina; Kawaguchi Lesley; Misaghi Angelina; Oifer Eric; Schultz Christine; Szekeley-Garcia Claudia; Trujillo Marc; Von der Ohe Christina; ; Roque Elaine; Villapando Alicia; Zehr David.

Absent:; Geddes James; Kravitz Peggy; Moassessi Mitra; Mobasheri Fereshteh; Scott Jacki; Sterr Susan; Strong Lydia;

Guests: Herbert, Shannon; Mejia, Vanessa; Owens, Michael

I. Call to Order at 11:18am

II. Public Comments

III. Action Items

1. Approval of the Minutes for September 27, 2011

[Minutes for October 11, 2011](#)

- Names of Senators will be moved from the roster if three meetings are missed.
- **Vote passed unanimously as amended:** note: three amendments to wording in the minutes to student relief fund.

2. Curriculum Items –Guido Davis-Del Piccolo, Chair of Curriculum Committee

Courses were approved for UC transferability (see below) with the exception of Political Science 95 which was denied transferability

- ANTHRO 19 The Culture of Food
- ENVRN 20 Environmental Ethics
- FILM 33 Directing the Short Film
- POL SC 31 Introduction to Public Policy
- PRO CR 7 Coaching of Soccer
- PRO CR 8 Coaching of Basketball
- PRO CR 9 Coaching of Volleyball
- SPEECH 2 Persuasion

New courses for credit included:

a. Cosmetology 46: Nali Care 4/Manicuring 4: this is a ½ unit course with final revisions

b. CS 30: MATLAB Programming

This course was returned in a revised state due to concerns regarding course pre-requisites. Math-7 is now a pre-requisite for CS30: MATLAB. Note, Math-7 is Calculus-1 which is a 5 unit course that has a pre-requisite of Math-2. Math-7 is intended for computer science, engineering, mathematics and natural science majors. It was noted that the meeting between CS and Math was very productive and useful.

c. Medical Laboratory Technician-5: Clinical Practicum

MLT-5 is the last of the MLT series. This course represents the culmination of the preparation from the previous four MLT course. The MLT-5 is a 9 unit course following MLT 1, 2, 3 and 4. The latter four MLT courses are all pre-requisites of MLT-5. The MLT-5 students will be engaging in a practicum overseen by an instructor of record with the minimum qualifications. The students will be at area hospitals but under the supervision of our instructor.

Vote approving two new courses and their updates.

- **Vote: unanimously pass**

3. ISC Response to Faculty Forum –Sal Veas, Chair of Information Services

- The question was raised as to whether there a solution to discussions among faculty, ways to avoid email for “faculty all”.
- It was suggested that there are some solutions but to what extent should creating “forums” for topic-specific discussion be a priority for our campus resources (MIS).
- It was noted that it would be possible to use an email approach in which an individual may “subscribe” or “may not subscribe”.
- It was noted that it is appropriate that the Faculty Association (FA) has the right to use the email system to contact its members. It was noted that any additional forum for discussion would not eliminate “faculty all”.
- Google Apps may eventually be a useful resource to address this issue but the design of the Google App system is not as elegant as other forum based approaches.
- Forums can allow a sort of “push and pull” of information. For example, when certain information is of interest and is being followed then this can be “pushed” towards you or you can “pull” information of interest towards you.
- The question still remains as to how we prioritize this need in comparison to other campus needs. For example, there will be an update of the exchange server, which one senator noted should be maintained as a priority.
- It was noted that “forum maintenance” is time-consuming since there must be a monitor on the system. It was suggested that perhaps we do not need to monitor the site since this is an in-house SMC product.

- The ISC will come up with a recommendation keeping in mind MIS priorities.
- 4. [Approval of Senate Committees](#)
- **Equity and Diversity Committee:**
- Eva Adler will Chair the Equity and Diversity Committee. This is a change; originally Melody Nightingale was chairing it.
- **Professional Development Committee:**
- The committee is now has six faculty members and four administrators.
- The committee has good representation of faculty with varied experiences in areas including student success and global citizenship.
- **Sabbaticals and Fellowship Awards Committee:**
- Still has a need for an additional faculty member.
- **Vote: approval of committees unanimously passed**

IV. Information Items

1. Fulltime Faculty Hire Ranking Process

- By October 28 Chairs must submit their request indicating what classes the new faculty member would be teaching and giving a draft of the job description (for the search). If they are requesting multiple positions, they should also rank them. They must rank them if there is any overlap in the positions. By November 14 they must submit a narrative that addresses 1)how a new faculty member will help meet current objectives, priorities and department needs and 2) how a new faculty member will help the department fulfill a 3-5 year vision of where the department is headed and how it fits into the vision of the College's Master Plan for Education. (Chairs have all been given this information.)

2. President's Report: Information from Statewide Academic Senate Area C Meeting

- "Area C is comprised of 27 colleges, ranging from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo County in the north to Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington to the south and east to Mount San Antonio College in Walnut and Citrus College in Glendora. Within the scope of this extensive geographic region are the nine colleges from the Los Angeles Community College District." (see <http://asccc.org/communities/areas/area-c>)
- Michelle Pilati of Rio Hondo College and President of the Executive Committee of Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) conducted a discussion about the draft of the Student Success Task Force Report. It is recommended that we provide online (<http://studentsuccess.ideascale.com/>) our comments about this document and that multiple comments on the same issues may have added value since it will highlight areas of greatest concern. It may be useful to think of *how* the recommendations would affect your specific discipline, for example ESL is particularly impacted by these recommendations since the ESL populations reflect the unique diversity of both the community's and college's populations.

- At the October 11th, 2011 Academic Senate meeting ([Minutes for October 11, 2011](#)) one senator commented that this Task Force's Recommendations is a "done deal" and that the implementation phase was when our input would be most important. However the Chancellor's Office says the Task Force's recommendations are not a "done deal" and that our responses are important.
- You can enter into their website and ask questions and obtain a response about this issue. This is an important strategy to question the legitimacy of the report.
- **Link to the full Student Success Task Force Report:**
http://www.smc.edu/ACG/AcademicSenate/Documents/2011-2012_Agendas_Minutes/StudentSuccessDraftRecom30sept2011.pdf
- **Link to submit your comments:** <http://studentsuccess.ideascale.com/>
- An SMC *Ad Hoc* Committee has been established to respond to the Student Success Task Force Report. (Co chairs: Randy Lawson & Janet Harclerode; Members: Jeff Shimizu, Roberto Gonzalez, Erica LeBlanc, Kierst Elliott, Esau Tovar, Laurie Guglielmo, William Konya, Toni Randall, Jamey Anderson, Eve Adler, Pete Morrison, Lesley Kawaguchi).
- It is envisioned that the response would include 1) a preamble that would explain our general concerns and then 2) pinpoint our specific concerns. However, we don't want to overlook valuable points within the report.
- Time limits pose a significant challenge and the College is trying to provide an institutional response to the Task Force's draft document. .
- There are concerns about the process, at how quickly the committee expects feedback..
- One senator expressed concern over how the committee was formulated. Given the time constraints, there was not enough time to seek senate approval. Moreover, this is not a senate committee.
- Although it is not a Senate Committee it would still be appreciated that the college response document be brought to the Senate.

V. **Announcements**

- Keynote speaker Andrew Revkin will hold two campus events on October 27th.
- Andrew Revkin will provide a lecture titled: "*9 billion people + One Planet= ?*" at the Theatre Arts Building at 11:00am-12:30pm.
- Andrew Revkin will also lead (on October 27th) a roundtable discussion of SMC's *Climate Action Plan* that will be held in Business Building, Room 111, from 5:30pm to 7:00 p.m.

VI. **Adjournment**

- **12:05 pm**