SMC ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, November 22, 2011
11:15-12:35 p.m. Business Building Room 144

Present: Adler Eve; Anderson Jamey; Antrim Brenda; Baudel Zeny; Beardsley Jason; Bernstein Teri; Boosheri Sara; Breedlove Karen; Brookins Greg; Campbell Laura; Cavanaugh Jamie; Davis Del Piccolo Guido; Dalton Carrie; Feiger Tina; Goodfellow Candyce; Graziadei Keith; Harclerode Janet; Hotsinpiller Mattew; Hunt Steve; Jerry Gina; Jones Janie; Kawaguchi Lesley; Klineman Michael; Kluckhohn-Jones Lucy; Kraut Deborah; Londe Stephen; Magallon Beatriz; Manson Laura; Martin Jim; Mazorow Moya; Misaghi Angelina; Mobasher Fereshteh; Morris Peter; Munoz Maria; Nestler Andrew; Oifer Eric; Owens Michael; Pacchioli Jim; Rogers John; Rothman Vicki; Roque Elaine; Schultz Christine; Scott Jacki; Sterr Susan; Strathearn Michael; Tovar Esau; Trujillo Marc; Villapando Alicia; Zehr David.

Excused: Bober Mary; Burson Patricia; Chandler Fran; Colavito Mary; Gallogly Ethan; Jaffe Sharon; Merlic Jennifer; Nightingale Melody; Tilley Rosilynn.

Absent: Douglas Judith; Farber Georgia; Geddes James; Kravitz Peggy; Lewis Brandon; Moassessi Mitra; Strong Lydia; Szekely-Garcia Claudia; Veas Sal; Von der Ohe Christina.

Guests: Mejia Vanessa.

I. Call to Order at 11:19 a.m.

II. Public Comments: Stephen Londe spoke on the use of pepper spray at Occupy UC Davis and Berkeley and that it overstepped the rules of engagement that prisons follow when they resort to pepper spray and that the senate and faculty at SMC should know what SMC’s policies are. David Zehr asked how the issue could be agendized; Janet Harclerode said it would be brought up at the next senate executive committee meeting. Steve Hunt read a statement.

III. Action Items

1. Agenda order changed: Faculty of the Year Award – Elaine Roque, Chair of Sabbaticals

   Elaine Roque announced that SMC had two co-winners for the Faculty of the Year: Dan Nannini, the head of the Transfer Center and Amber Katherine, Philosophy and Social Science. Amber will also be SMC’s Hayward Award nominee.

2. Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2011 meeting

   Vote: Unanimously passed

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

   - Anthropology 10 – Forensic Anthropology
   - Distance Education: Business 50 – Introduction to International Business

   Both courses approved unanimously
4. **Functions of the Student Instructional Support Committee – Jason Beardsley, Chair of SISC**

Jason Beardsley presented the following functions:

1. Identify needs and make recommendations for instructional support, systems, and services.
   - When asked about feedback from students, Beardsley said it was part of systems, while supplemental instruction is part of services.
   - Beardsley was asked about the website due to web design issues and websites are not uniform. No one person is in charge; most websites are done by tutoring coordinators.
2. Recommend training strategies for tutoring services.
   - When asked if interested parties or consultation with departments to provide input would occur, Beardsley said it was implied.
   - It was suggested that this function read: Recommend training strategies for tutoring services in consultation with the appropriate department.
3. Recommend and support strategies for promoting awareness and use of instructional support services.
   - The committee is planning to develop workshops for tutors and tutoring centers, but might consider developing workshops for faculty as well.
4. Review and respond to relevant findings and publications of the Office of Institutional Research and submit research proposals as needed.

Functions approved unanimously.

IV. **Information Items**

1. **Status of Student Success Task Force and SMC's Response**

   Harclerode presented the draft response from SMC’s task group to the Student Success Task Force recommendations. She noted the recent changes to the original recommendations: the elimination of the recommendation to consolidate the categoricals, reexamination regarding CDCP non-credit and ESL, as well as 4.1.

   She pointed out that the responses are in three categories: recommendations that SMC supports, recommendations SMC supports with reservations, and recommendations that SMC opposes.

   She noted that 3.1 was moved to recommend with reservations and to revise 2.5, that it was cheaper to have students experiment at the community colleges than at a four-year college/university.

   Senators suggested that the cover letter raise the issue of the politic behind the SSTF recommendations and the values that are being espoused which go against the California community colleges' Mission.

2. **Budget News**

   Harclerode presented the Chancellor’s newsletter that pointed out the major shortfalls in revenues being currently collected and the impact on student fees and college funding.

V. **Announcements**

   None

VI. **Adjournment** – 12:34 p.m.