Santa Monica College

Sabbatical/Fellowship/Award Committee

Minutes of November 6, 2014 Meeting

1. **Call to Order** 3:15 pm
2. **Members** **Present:**

Mary Colavito (chair), Mona Martin (vice chair), Mary Bober, Ida Danzey, Jae Lee, Sherri Lee-Lewis, Karen Legg, Marc Trujillo.

**Members Absent:**

Christina Gabler

1. **Agenda**
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Complying with Brown Act Requirements:**

Academic Senate committees fall under the Brown Act, including Sabbaticals committee. However, because sabbaticals are considered a personnel matter, they may be discussed in a closed session portion of the meeting. The Brown Act requires all other votes to be recorded and made public. In addition, all discussions and votes must occur in face-to-face committee meetings (no emails, phone discussions or voting, etc.)

1. **Extension for fellowship recipient Deborah Novak:**

Approved unanimously to extend fellowship to Spring 2015.

1. **Review of Fellowships Reports:**

The Committee reviewed and accepted Fellowship Reports for:

Garen Baghdasarian, Simon Balm, Dana Del George and Yuria Hashimoto.

Ayes: 8 (Bober, Colavito, Danzey, Lee, Lee-Lewis, Legg, Martin, Trujillo)

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Gabler)

Abstain: 0

1. **Review of Sabbaticals Reports:**

Before discussion began, Ida Danzey requested clarification on process to be followed if a sabbatical modification is made. Established process requires recipient to submit request for change to the committee for approval prior to changing activities.

The Committee reviewed and approved Sabbatical Reports for:

Jane Austin, Gordon Dossett, Maria Erickson, Maria Muñoz and Patricia Nakao

Ayes: 8 (Bober, Colavito, Danzey, Lee, Lee-Lewis, Legg, Martin, Trujillo)

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Gabler)

Abstain: 0

In reviewing Eric Oifer’s report, the committee was unclear that all objectives of application had been met. It was acknowledged that the literature review had been completed, but from materials submitted, it was not clear if activity 5.1 had been completed. The committee would like to see the introduction to this his book on ecological democracy.

After substantial discussion, the following motion was made:

Sabbaticals, Fellowships and Awards committee chair will ask Eric Oifer for clarification regarding how he met objective 5.1 in his original sabbatical application.

Motion made by: Marc Trujillo

Seconded by: Karen Legg

Ayes: 7 (Bober, Danzey, Lee, Lee-lewis, Legg, Martin, Trujillo)

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 (Gabler)

Abstain: 1 (Colavito)

1. **Exemplary Program Award Nomination:**

Since the theme of this year’s Exemplary Program Award is “Transitioning from High School to College…”, Mary Colavito asked Assistant Director Hyeler to prepare a submission application for SMC. Mary then found out an application on GRIT had already been prepared and signed by the Academic Senate and College Presidents. The Committee members voiced their concern that they had no opportunity for input and believe the process for award nominations was not followed.

The Committee unanimously agreed to review and revise Committee By-Laws and remove the function of award.

1. **Other Business:**

The committee unanimously requested that paper copies of the sabbatical applications be made and distributed to committee members for review.

**Meeting adjourned:** 4:30 pm

**Next meeting:** November 20, 2014 at 3:15 pm in Science Room # 251