

Academic Senate
Grossmont College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING –March 19, 2001

PRESENT: Cathy Harvey(President), Mary Rider(Vice President), Beth Smith, Jerry Buckley(Senate Officers at Large); P.J. Ortmeier(AOJ); Ben Newkirk(Behavioral Sciences); Dave Wertlieb, Diane Merlos(Biological Sciences), Sandy Sikes(Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby(Cardiovascular Technology), Cary Willard, Tom Olmstead(Chemistry), Sonia Gaiane, Barbara Chernofsky (Child Development), Diane Mayne Stafford (CSIS), Bonnie Shcmiege, Mary Rose(Counseling); Joe Orate(Culinary Arts); Jennifer Carmean(DSPS); Cathy Meyer(Dance); Mike Matherly(Earth Sciences); Gary Phillips, Nelson Paler, Sydney Brown, Julie Cardenas (English), Chuck Passentino(ESL); Sylvia Montejano(EOPS); Joyce Sake, Rick Trestrail, Bushra Jonna, Colleen Suwara (Exercise Science); Jerry Baydo, Mel Amov(History); David Arthur(Humanities); Patricia Morrison(Library); Jim Hilton, Dave Lunsford, Steve Davis(Math); William Snead (Media Communications); Susan Wild, Jane West(Nursing); Michael Piotrowski,(Part Time Representative); Dennis Collins(Physics, Astronomy & Physical Sciences); Nancy Tendal(Respiratory Therapy); Sheri Sjoberg, Roxane Tuscany(Speech Communications); Henry Jordan, David Kievit(Theatre Arts).

ABSENT: Rick Michelson(AOJ), Ron Tatro, Les Lawrence Jeff Irwin(Art), Gregg Robinson, Leilani Holmes, Israel Cardona(Behavioral Science), Jed Ashley(Business), Don Ridgeway(Cardiovascular Technology); Wayne Allen, Janet Gelb (CSIS); Peggy Shepard(Counseling); Tom Gamboa(Cross Cultural Studies); Jane Nolan(DSPS); Tim Cliffe(Earth Sciences); Janice Bellinghiere(English); Pat Bennett(ESL); Antonio Crespo, Paul Vincent (Foreign Language); Zoe Close(Humanities); Gene Britt(International Business); Curts Stevens (Library); Evan Wirig(Media Communications), Steve Baker, Fred Benedetti (Music), Marcelle Karlin(Occupational Therapy); Laura Mosier(Part Time Representative); Patti Tsai (Physics, Astronomy & Physical Sciences); Bill Cummings, Mary McKenzie(Political Economy); Beth Mallet-Anderson(Theatre Arts).

RECORDER: Martha Garcia

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Call to order

Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

B. Motion to approve the agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments to the Information Items:

Student of Note Celebration was added.

Middle College High School was taken off.

MSU Amov/Smith

C. Motion to approve the minutes

The March 5, 2001, Academic Senate minutes were approved as presented.

MSU Wertlieb/Smith

D. Committee Membership List

Cathy Harvey explained that the Senate Officers Committee will explore keeping a list of all current members of all committees. She explained that the purpose would be for reference only and requested senator's feedback for the development of these lists. Ben Newkirk, a past Academic Senate President, indicated that it is the responsibility of the senate.

E. CATL/Professional Development Position

Mary Rider reported the status of the CATL/Professional Development Position and encouraged senators to participate.

F. Student of Note Celebration

Cathy informed senators of a "Student of Note" celebration that will take place on May 12, 2001. She explained that the purpose of the event is to recognize students who have overcome significant obstacles and have continued with their education to secure their degrees. During the ceremony, students of note will be recognized formally by the college.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. University Transfer Studies Degree (UTSD)

Cathy Harvey reminded senators of the document presented at the last senate meeting stating that the Curriculum Committee is in charge of approving degrees and stressed that the Curriculum Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate. She gave background information and explained that on December 5, the Curriculum Committee approved the UTSD as originally presented. Because of some concerns from the Exercise Science and Wellness Department, the senate did not ratify the decision of the Curriculum Committee on March 5, and sent the UTSD back to the Curriculum Committee for reconsideration. The Curriculum Committee reviewed the UTSD on March 13 and approved it again in its original form.

Cathy asked senators to review a document attached to the agenda, which explains the Chancellor's perspective of the UTSD.

Cary Willard, Curriculum Committee Chair, opened discussion with a report of the UTSD status and explained that on March 13 the Curriculum Committee reevaluated the UTSD. The committee members listened to a presentation from the Exercise Science and Wellness Department, as well as a presentation given by Bonnie Schmiede and Bev Wight. She explained that after a large discussion with each of the proposals the members of the committee voted on the degree obtaining twelve votes in favor, three opposed, and two abstentions toward continuing with the UTSD in its original form.

Richard Farrell, President of the Associated Students of Grossmont College (ASGC) spoke to the senate on behalf of students and shared the students' major concerns. He explained that Grossmont College offers seventy-two degrees, which require Exercise Science and Wellness. He spoke in favor of the UTSD in its current form without an Exercise Science and Wellness requirement. He added that although many students transfer to universities where exercise science courses are not required, they still tend to take Exercise Science courses.

The ASGC President also informed senators that students who wish to transfer to another university are very interested in the UTSD. He added that other colleges in the region have this option available; therefore, without the UTSD, Grossmont College might fall behind in recruitment and enrollment.

Finally he expressed his interest in having the ASGC participating as much as possible, and encouraged senators to request ASGC representation for committees, subcommittees, or in situations like the current one.

Much discussion ensued amongst faculty and students focusing on both, philosophical and practical reasons to favor the inclusion or exclusion of Exercise Science and Wellness courses in the UTSD.

Cathy Harvey asked for senate's direction in terms of bringing a motion to the next senate meeting. Dave Wertlieb suggested that the Exercise Science and Wellness Department present a motion for senate's approval.

Cathy agreed and explained that the Senate Officers Committee will bring a motion from the Exercise Science and Wellness Department to the next Academic Senate meeting. The senate will have an opportunity to vote on a motion brought forward. She added that since the Constitution of the Grossmont College Academic Senate is silent regarding proxy votes, this type of voting will not be allowed.

B. Nominations Committee

Jennifer Carmean Informed the senate that the Elections Committee is calling for nominations for the following positions:

One Vice President

Two Senate Officers at Large

One Adjunct Faculty Senate Officer

Jennifer requested that senators and faculty nominate themselves or nominate others. Nominations may be sent to Patty Morrison by March 30, 2001.

C. College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Dean Colli explained that Grossmont College has been working on a proposed policy statement to award credit for CLEP examinations. He thanked those involved in developing the proposal and asked senators to review the policy statement attached to the agenda. Dean Colli explained that the Curriculum Committee approved the proposal on March 13, 2001. He added that during a meeting between Cuyamaca and Grossmont College on Friday, March 16, some amendments to the policy were proposed, which will be taken to the Curriculum Committee for reconsideration. With the Curriculum Committee's action, Dean Colli believes that Grossmont College will have an aligned CLEP policy that will be implemented in the catalog next year.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ICC – Distance Education

Jerry Buckley reported that the Instructional Computing Committee (ICC) has been working on developing a perspective on Distance Education for the campus and for the district. He explained that the committee has been working for approximately three or four years with pilot projects to offer computerized distance learning. He requested senate participation in reviewing the work done in the pilot projects and suggesting ways to implement distance learning and teleconferencing.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved on April 2, 2001