

# *Academic Senate Grossmont College*

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – October 7, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Cathy Harvey(President), Mary Rider(Vice President), Beth Smith, Jerry Buckley(Senate Officers at Large); P.J. Ortmeier(AOJ); Jeff Irwin, James Wilsterman(Art); Teresa Jacobs, Israel Cardona(Behavioral Science); Dave Wertlieb, Virginia Dudley(Biological Sciences); Judith Zander(Business); Illyana McManus(Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby(Cardiovascular Technology); Cary Willard, Tom Olmstead(Chemistry); Barbara Chernofsky, Cathie Robertson(Child Development); Roxane Tuscany, JoelCastellaw(Communication); Janet Gelb(CSIS); Bonnie Shcmiege , Lynn Gardner(Counseling); Kathy Meyer(Dance); Gary Jacobson, Mark Goodman(Earth Sciences); ChuckPassentino, Gary Phillips(English); Virginia Berger(ESL); Sylvia Montejano(EOPS); Gay Cox, Jim Symington(Exercise Science); Carmen Hernandez(Foreign Language); Thomas Bell, Mel Amov(History); Zoe Close, William Hoaglin(Humanities); Patricia Morrison(Library); Peg Hovde(Math); Evan Wirig, William Snead(Media Communications);DianeHelland(Nursing); Joan Ahrens(Part Time Representatives); Dennis Collins(Physics, Astronomy & Physical Sciences); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan(Respiratory Therapy); Craig Everett, Henry Jordan, Beth Mallet-Anderson(Theatre Arts).

**ABSENT:** Rick Michelson(AOJ); Ron Tatro(Art); Gregg Robinson(Behavioral Science); Diane Merlos(Biological Sciences); Sandy Sikes(Business Office Technology); Don Ridgeway(Cardiovascular Technology); Diane Mayne-Stafford, Wayne Allen(CSIS); Peggy Shepard (Counseling); Tom Gamboa(Cross Cultural Studies); Joe Orate(Culinary Arts); David Mullen(Dance); Jane Nolan, Marlene Jansky(DSPS); Sydney Brown, Marilyn Ivanovici, Qais Sako(English); Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin(ESL); Rick Trestrail, Laura Burger(Exercise Science); Yolanda Guerrero, Paul Vincent(Foreign Language); Gene Britt(International Business); Curtis Stevens(Library); Jenny Vanden Eynden, Larry Langley , Jim Tarvin(Math); Steve Baker, Fred Benedetti(Music); Jeanne Raimond, Pat Bradley(Nursing); Marcelle Karlin(Occupational Therapy); Kristen Maria Reichardt(Part Time Representatives); Patti Tsai(Physics, Astronomy & Physical Sciences); Bill Cummings, Todd Meyers(Political Economy).

**RECORDER:** Martha Garcia

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### **I. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

#### **A. Call to order**

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

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**M/S/U Smith/Chernofsky**

#### **C. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 16, 2002, meeting were approved as submitted.

**M/S/U Buckley/Zander**

**D. Proposed Calendar for 03-04**

Cathy presented an overhead of the Grossmont College 2003-2004 Proposed Academic Calendar. Questions and suggestions may be forwarded to her.

**E. President's Update**

**a) Senate President Position**

Cathy Harvey's term as Academic Senate President will end in May 2003. She asked senators to contact her if they have questions concerning the job responsibilities. Further, anyone interested in serving in this position should feel free to contact her as well.

**b) The La Jolla Group – Final Results**

Grossmont College's final results from The La Jolla Group Campaign were as follows:

- Registration: 2,714
- Vote by Mail: 2,158

**c) FACCC John Vasconcellos Award – Zoe Close**

The John Vasconcellos Advocate of the Year Award (named for Senator John Vasconcellos/D-Santa Clara) goes to an outstanding faculty advocate whose work impacts faculty statewide. Examples include: advocacy at the state Legislature and/or state Chancellor's Office (including the California Community Colleges Board of Governors); and holding positions in statewide faculty organizations.

Zoe Close has been elected as the 2002 John Vasconcellos Advocate of the Year. Faculty warmly congratulated her.

**d) Student Services Program Review Committee (SSPRC)**

The Student Services Program Review Committee (SSPRC) is in need of one faculty representative from the instructional area. The committee meets the first and third Thursdays of the month in the LRC Faculty/Study Room from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The request will be sent to all faculty via email.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Grossmont College Academic Senate Resolution in Support of Proposition R.

*Whereas an evaluation of Grossmont College facilities, conditions, enrollment trends, projected growth, space utilization, technology needs and energy usage has identified major needs throughout the Grossmont campus; and*

*Whereas Grossmont College was built for an enrollment of 4,800 and now enrolls 18,000 students; and*

*Whereas the projected over-utilization of space at Grossmont College continues to exceed the presently existing assignable square feet; and*

*Whereas, it is uncertain that the State will provide the funding necessary for needed modernization, scheduled maintenance, or adequate new facilities; and*

*Whereas the passing of a local public bond to pay for the necessary modernization, scheduled maintenance, and some new facilities will relieve the associated burden on the College's general fund, thus allowing more of the general fund to be used for instructional and student services programs;*

*Let it be resolved that the Grossmont College Academic Senate supports Proposition R as it will fund the identified facility needs of Grossmont College.*

M/S/U Smith/Chernofsky

## III. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Honor's Experience

Presented by Israel Cardona

Israel presented the following requests related to the Honor's Experience:

1. He asked faculty to review the Faculty Guidelines for Teaching Honors Courses distributed at the September 16 Academic Senate meeting and forward questions and concerns to him. The document is also posted on the Academic Senate web site for faculty's convenience.
2. He asked department chairs and coordinators to encourage faculty dialog regarding the Honor's Experience amongst their department members.

3. He asked faculty to consider the possibility of having other honor's coordinators from other community colleges come to our Academic Senate to address faculty's concerns.
4. He also asked that those strongly opposing the idea of having an "Honor's Program" at GrossmontCollege express their concerns in open communication.

## **B. Revised Program Review**

### **Presented by Sheridan DeWolf**

- **Revised Program Review Process**
- **Student Survey**

The revised Program Review Handbook was distributed at today's meeting. A student survey was attached to the Program Review Handbook.

Sheridan DeWolf guided faculty through the most significant changes. She asked faculty to review the handbook, identify errors, and send suggestions for changes to her.

## **C. Proposed Cuts to the Spring '03 Schedule**

### **Presented by Dr. Martinez and Dr. Colli**

To introduce Grossmont College's present financial situation, Dr. Martinez presented general overview information related to state and district funding procedures. Grossmont College presently has an FTES Cap goal of 12, 271. If college growth goes beyond the set FTES Cap, then the college confronts unfunded FTES, which according to a previous governing board decision, could not exceed 500.

Dr. Martinez reported that an Enrollment Strategies Committee has been formed and meets regularly to address issues such as section planning in order to avoid a high number of unfunded FTES. The committee discussed the possibility of cutting Intercession as well as cutting sections from the spring schedule; however, concerns arose from the Counseling Department. They contended that some students use Intersession in their educational plans as they anticipate transfer opportunities.

The Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the current situation to the Governing Board, and the Governing Board suggested that the college review anew its financial status and focus on cutting as few sections as possible, offering some flexibility to the initial 500 over-cap unfunded FTES limit.

At today's meeting, faculty expressed grave concern at deep cuts citing that the risk associated with a severe reduction in the number of sections could possibly result in driving students away from GrossmontCollege.

Discussion focused on faculty and administrative concerns related to the following issues:

- The possibility of midyear state fund cuts after the November 5 election.

- The concern that the marketing effort is too costly and should be reviewed and/or eliminated.
- The fear that section cuts might be ongoing.
- The difference in funding for various sections.
- The fact that the instructional programs are the first to be reviewed for possible cuts as opposed to reviewing possible cuts for other services.

**Beth Smith moved for a motion to recommend that no sections be cut from the Intersession or Spring Schedule.**

**Faculty strongly supported Beth's motion with no objections.**

**M/S/U Smith/Montejano**

**D. College Savings Task Force  
Presented by Jerry Buckley**

This item will be presented at a future meeting.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Faculty Staff Development Committee Report**

**Presented by Barbara Chernofsky**

Barbara informed senators that because of the college's critical financial situation, no staff development funds will be available this year.

She also informed senators that a Faculty Staff Development Committee survey will soon be distributed and asked senators to respond to it.

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.