

Academic Senate Grossmont College

Minutes of the Meeting – November 3, 2003

PRESENT: Beth Smith (President); Bonnie Schmiede (Vice President); Jennifer Carmean, Victoria Howitt (Senate Officers at Large); PJ Ortmeier (AOJ), Jeff Irwin, Jim Wilsterman (Art); Israel Cardona (Behavioral Science); Dave Wertlieb (Biological Sciences); Judith Zander (Business); Ilyana McManus (Business Office Technology); Rick Kirby (Cardiovascular Technology); Tom Olmstead, Cary Willard (Chemistry); Mary Courtney (Child Development); Roxane Tuscany (Communication); Janet Gelb, Clif Quinn (CSIS); Mary Rider, Lynn Gardner (Counseling); Kathy Meyer (Dance); Marlene Jansky, Jane Nolan (DSPS); Gary Jacobson (Earth Sciences); Nelson Paler, Kamala Balasubramanian, Marilyn Ivanovici, (English); Virginia Berger (ESL); Sylvia Montejano, Michael Perez (EOPS); Jim Symington (Exercise Science); Antonio Crespo (Foreign Languages); Carlos Contreras, Mel Amov (History); Zoe Close, William Hoaglin (Humanities); Patty Morrison (Library); Peg Hovde, Sharon Giles (Math); Evan Wirig (Media Communications); Steve Baker (Music); Nancy Tendall (Nursing); Marcelle Karlin (Occupational Therapy); Joan Ahrens, David Milroy (Part-time Representatives); Dennis Collins, Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy & Physical Sciences); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Respiratory Therapy).

ABSENT: Rick Michelson (AOJ); Ron Tatro (Art); Teresa Jacobs, Gregg Robinson (Behavioral Science); Virginia Dudley, Diane Merlos (Biological Sciences); Don Ridgeway (Cardiovascular Technology); Cathie Robertson (Child Development); Joel Castellaw (Communication); Peggy Shepard (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross-Cultural Studies); Joe Orate, Cathie Robertson (Culinary Arts); David Mullen (Dance); Mark Goodman (Earth Sciences); Gary Phillips, Sydney Brown, Qais Sako (English); Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin (ESL); Gay Cox, Larry Larsen, Karen Caires (Exercise Science); Yolanda Guerrero, Paul Vincent (Foreign Language); Thomas Bell (History); Gene Britt (International Business); Steve Davis, Jim Tarvin (Math); William Snead (Media Communications); Derek Cannon (Music); Joe Braunwarth (Political Economy); Hank Jordan, Beth Mallet-Anderson, Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

GUESTS: Charleen McMahan, Dean Colli

RECORDER: Bonnie Schmiede

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Beth Smith called the senate to order at 11:12.

A. Approval of the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/U Montejano/Berger

B. Approval of the Oct. 20, 2003 minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

V. Information Items

A. Pedagogical and student concerns in the wake of the fires.

Dean Colli stated that there is a provision in Title V for emergency situations and the college does not expect to lose FTES because of the fires. In terms of lost instructional hours, there is opportunity for making up lost time either by scheduling make up days or giving outside assignments. If scheduling make-up days is best for the course and students, faculty should work with the chair, dean and Instructional Operations to be sure that space is available.

Charleen added that departments should communicate with part time faculty about the options available to them regarding the missed time. She also suggested that an addendum to the syllabus be distributed to students to document changes to the course. It is also possible for faculty to use off-campus sites to meet with students for make-up time, but that such arrangements should be conducive to learning. All faculty will be paid for the missed week if they were assigned to a class. If the assignment was hourly (some counselors and librarians), then the hours may be rescheduled at another time.

Students in crisis: Other suggestions from faculty include

- Crisis Intervention handout available in Counseling Center and Mary Rider will email it to chairs and coordinators
- ASGC and the district will examine ways to help students who experience a loss of supplies
- Add more books and materials to the limited loan desk in the library
- More hours in the library and tutoring centers for students
- Faculty may be willing to volunteer extra office hours for students

II. President's Report

- A. Beth reported on the Fall Plenary Session held by the statewide senate in Pasadena, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. The ideas generated by the Grossmont College senate to assist those affected by the fires will be shared with other senate presidents in the San Diego area. Beth also shared the dedication to learning and students exhibited by the community college faculty at the session, and she encouraged all faculty interested in the senate to attend the sessions to learn about the issues.

Some of the resolutions that passed included one that removes the office of Past President from the statewide senate executive committee, and two on the accreditation standards – specifically on privacy of the data and support for faculty driven processes. Mary Rider reminded the senate that she has copies of Hoke Simpson's paper that outlines guidelines for the field regarding the new accreditation standards, and Beth said that there three levels of interpretation of the student learning outcomes – denial, tolerance and acceptance. There was also a resolution on senate support for the report entitled "The Real Cost of Education" which documents the total amount necessary to provide the best learning experience possible for a student. The amount identified in the paper is \$9200. Another resolution that passed was in support of Proposition 55, the Budget Accountability Act which will change the percentage of votes needed in the legislature to pass a state budget from 67% to 55%. Beth said that she will have copies of the proposition and the real cost document available at the next senate meeting.

- B. It was determined that Title 5 states that all faculty serving on a shared governance committee must be approved by the senate. The only faculty appointments not approved by the senate are those made by the union. There were questions about whether or not senate would ever not approve a faculty member who wished to serve on a committee, and most senators were in support of all faculty volunteers being approved with little discussion.

Beth also said that Karen Caires had a baby girl the week of the fires. Both mother and baby are fine.

III. Action Item

- A. Committee Memberships
Sylvia Montejano to Student Gateway Task Force
Linda Snider to Student Due Process/Disciplinary Hearing Committee
Cary Willard to Academic Rank
M/S/U Wertlieb/McManus

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.