

Academic Senate Grossmont College

Minutes of the Meeting – December 3, 2007

PRESENT: Chris Hill (President); Sue Gonda (Vice President); Scott Barr (Senate Officer at Large); Laura Burger (Senate Officer at Large); Jeff Lehman (Senate Officer at Large); Raul Sandelin (Senate Officer at Large); P.J. Ortmeyer, Tina Young (AOJ); Jennifer Carmean (ASL); Jennifer Bennett (Art); Gregg Robinson (Behavioral Science); Virginia Dudley, Michael Golden, Michele Perchez (Biological Sciences); Judith Zander, (Business Administration); Linda Snider, Barb Gillespie (Business Office Technology); Don Ridgway Rick Kirby (Cardiovascular Technology); Diana Vance (Chemistry); Amy Obegi (Child Development); Jill Carleton, Victoria Howitt, Joel Castellaw (Communication); Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Jane Nolan, Carl Fielden (Disabled Student Services); Judd Curran (Earth Sciences); Oralee Holder, Joan Ahrens, Tony Ding, Tate Hurvitz, Micah Jendian (English); Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin (ESL); Sylvia Montejano, Pearl Lopez (EOPS); Jim Symington, Randy Abshier, Jamie Ivers (Exercise Science and Wellness); Sue Gonda, Devon Atchison (History); Pat Morrison (Library); Jenny Vanden Eynden, Susan Working, Ray Funk, Corey Manchester (Beth Smith as proxy vote), Shirley Pereira (Math); Evan Wirig, William Snead (Media Communications); Roland Estrella (nursing); Christine Vicino (Occupational Therapy); David Milroy (Part-Time Representatives); Zoe Close (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Brian Jennings (Political Economy); Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

ABSENT: Lance Parr (AOJ) Jim Wilsterman, Marion DeKoning (Art); Israel Cardona, Amy Ramos, (Behavioral Sciences); Evan Enowitz (Business Administration); Martin Larter (Chemistry); Sheridan DeWolf (Child Development); Janet Gelb (Computer Science); Donne Leigh, Mary Rider, Debbie Kim (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); Joe Orate (Culinary Arts); Kathy Meyers (Dance); Jenny Duncan (Earth Science); Adelle Schmitt (English); Pat Bennett, Barbara Loveless (ESL); Larry Larsen (Exercise Science and Wellness); Paul Vincent, Yolanda Guerrero, Carmen Hernandez, Edda Temoche-Wedele (Foreign Language); Priscilla Rogers (International Business); Paul Kurokawa, Steve Baker, Derek Cannon (Music); Lee Johnson (Part-time Representatives) Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Joe Braunwarth, (Political Economy); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan, Barry Winn (Respiratory Therapy); Beth Duggan (Theatre Arts).

GUESTS: Beth Smith – Grossmont, Faculty & State Academic Senate Representative
Bivin Sadler – Grossmont, Math Department
John Colson – Grossmont, Interim VP Student Services
Philip Blanco – Grossmont, Physics Instructor

RECORDER: Andrea Whitney

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:05am)

A. Public Comment

None.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the day's agenda.

M/S/U Kirby/Montejano

C. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2007

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2007 meeting.

M/S/P Gonda/Morrison

There was one abstention

The motion passed.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Announcements

1. Recognition of Dean Colli –

Chris welcomed Dr. Dean Colli to the front and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Academic Senate. Chris also presented him with a book and thanked him again for his hard work and dedication to the college. Dr. Dean Colli thanked the Academic Senate for all the support and understanding that was given to him. He stated he had a very positive and constructive 8 years with the college. He thanked the senate again and wished everyone well.

2. Update on Confidentiality Statement-

Chris updated the group on the confidentiality agreement. She advised that she and Jan Ford met with the Chancellor and the briefing information that will be provided is information only. Zoe said that anyone who has not signed the statement yet can add the verbiage recommended by the UF attorney on the bottom, sign the form, and turn it in.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution on Part-Time Office Hours

Chris asked David Milroy to give a quick update on the revisions to the Resolution on Part-Time Office Hours. He mentioned that the references to UF negotiations had been removed. Raul Sandelin made a statement about students being able to have equal access to faculty whether they are part-time or full-time. Michael Golden was pleased to see this information in the resolution. Sue Gonda recommended a change to the last whereas in the Resolution to read "A task force to develop" in between the words "establish" and "an equitable plan". David made a supplemental motion to insert the proposed change. There was further discussion amongst the group regarding adding this change.

Chris asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to put this item on the table.

M/S/P Wirig/Robinson

There was some additional group discussion.

Chris took a vote on the resolution.

There were 5 abstentions and one "NO" vote.

The motion passed.

B. Reorganization of the Instructional Computing Committee (ICC)

Chris indicated that the committee had made some changes to the composition. She asked Diane Mayne-Stafford to give a quick summary of the changes that were made. Diane first wanted to thank everyone for electing her the new DE Coordinator. Diane said that the ICC has been in place for past 10-15 years and there is a vast range of technologies that are used for teaching and learning these days. As more departments are starting to use technology it was decided they need this committee to reflect a structure similar to other senate committees. Chris noted the name of the committee has changed from ICC to Technology for Teaching and Learning Committee (TTLC). There was some Q/A/discussion from the group. A few suggestions were made by the group about the wording on the charge. Diane said she will make

the necessary changes and resubmit the information to the senate at the next meeting. There was a motion for a vote.

M/S/U Vanden-Eynden/Wirig

Motion passed

C. GCCCD Draft Legislative Program

Chris asked if there is a motion to put this on the table.

There was a Q/A/Comment discussion made between the group. Beth stated she finds it difficult to approve this document without the senate weighing in and talking about the importance of our mission. She said it could be stated as simply as "Any legislation that supports our district or college mission needs to be supported". David Milroy asked if we are able to have a voice to change any items. Chris advised things can be changed or included to the program. A call for the question was made to approve the legislative program with the idea that Chris will be going to the legislative strategies committee with this information.

M/S/F Barr/

19 abstentions

25 people voted "NO".

Motion failed

Sue Gonda suggested maybe a presentation would be helpful since there are so many questions and concerns about the legislative program. Michael Golden agreed with Sue and pointed out there is a lot of equity issues that need to be addressed. Chris stated she will take the information with the items that need to be added to the legislative strategies committee and let the senate committee know what the outcome is.

D. Resolution on Plus-Minus Grading

Chris provided a handout of an informal survey that was emailed to her from Gregg Robinson. Gregg gave some feedback on the survey that was done by the 150 students that did respond. 60% of all "A" students opposed and about 30% of all "C" students were opposed. There is clearly a downside to this system with the "A" students and they do stand to lose a little bit per Gregg. Before Chris opened the floor to discussion she made a suggestion to the group that they state if they are for or against this resolution prior to making your statement. Oralee had a question about how to proportion the votes appropriately within her department. Shirley advised she has the same situation in her department and stated they are doing it proportionally. Chris said to remember to vote as a faculty representative, not an individual. There were many comments made by the group regarding personal pro's and con's and the departments pro's or con's for this system.

A motion was made to vote:

M/S/U Abshier/Wirig

Chris asked all those in favor of ending the discussion and voting on the resolution.

1 opposed

Motion passed

Chris reminded everyone that they are voting as a representative for your department not for yourself. Chris wanted to make sure everyone is clear that this is only a recommendation. It has to be mutually agreed upon between Cuyamaca Senate and the board.

A motion was made to approve the resolution as written:
Chris called for a hand vote.

All in favor – 42
All opposed – 12
Abstentions – 1

The motion passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

E. College Committee Appointments

Chris provided a handout of the Academic Senate Committee Appointments 2007-08. She asked if there were questions. There were no questions asked about the handout.

VI. OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

***The next meeting will be on February 4, 2008.**

CH:aw