

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Grossmont College
Monday, May 4, 2015 in Griffin Gate, 11:05 – 12:15

Attendance: Liz Barrow, James Canady, Jennifer Carmean, Brian Carter, Zoe Close, Judd Curran, Nadra Farina-Hess, Sue Gonda, Tate Hurvitz, Brian Keliher, Cheryl Kerns-Campbell, Jeff Lehman, Lisa Maloy, David Milroy, John Oakes, Terry Reilly, Gregg Robinson, Priscilla Rogers, John Scholte, Denise Schulmeyer, Christi Vicino, Paul Vincent, Peggy Wells, Cary Willard, Evan Wirig, Jessica Woods, Tina Young. **Guests:** Dave Dillon, Katrina VanderWoude. **Recorder:** Tyler Dranguet.

I. Call to Order

A. Approval of Amended Minutes from April 20

The following paragraph was amended for the minutes:

A. Proposal to Include a Statement of Inclusivity on Syllabi – Steve Davis

The Program Review Committee is encouraging the Academic Senate to endorse an optional inclusionary statement for faculty syllabi to help all students feel more comfortable in the classroom. During focus groups conducted to help promote student success within minority groups on campus, students expressed that they felt more comfortable in the classroom when faculty members explicitly stated verbally or in their syllabi that the classroom was an inclusive environment. An inclusivity statement would not allow students to engage “hate speech” in the classroom.

No singular inclusivity statement is being endorsed by the Committee, but the addition of some inclusivity statement to their syllabi for future semesters is encouraged. The majority of Senate members were positive about this idea, saying that having an inclusivity statement on the syllabus would be a good reminder for both students and staff that Grossmont College values diversity and respect on campus. **However, it was agreed that this would not be mandated, especially since there was concern over various phrases found in the examples.** There were recommendations for a statement that was most broad.

M/S/U Wirig/Gelb

II. Information Items

A. Online Course Evaluation Training, Part 2 – Matt Calfin

Slides from the second half of Online Evaluation training may be viewed [here](#) or on the Academic Senate website. Part One of the training was held during the CCC meeting on April 27th. Slides from Part One of this Training are viewable [here](#). Other handouts from this meeting can be found with the May 4 minutes at <http://www.grossmont.edu/college-info/senate/default.aspx>

Upcoming Events:

Distinguished Faculty Award Nominations Close – Wednesday, May 20th

Workshop for Teaching Online – Friday, May 29th

Summer Faculty Online Learning Summit begins at GC on Tuesday, June 16th

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2015 in Griffin Gate.