ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
April 14, 2009
Humanities 107, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Italics - absent
Roll Call:
Amanda Best, Gregg Carr, Treisa Cassens, Nina Chapman, Grace Cooper, Marius Cucurny, Julie Davis-Wolfe, Karen Dickerson, Collette Hausey, Theresa Lavarini, Chip Marchbank, Nikki Plaster, Diane Restelli, Mike Shaughnessy, Terri Speakman, Abe Tarango, Richard Ullrich, Derrick Watkins, Greg Wight, Mai-Ying Woo, Amir Shakoorian, Student Representative

Guests:
Jaima Bennett, Wes Bryan, Henrietta Carter, Brian Conley, Roxie Ross

Announcements:
Academic Senate Scholarship/Gregg - The Senate pledged to fund $250 Academic Senate Scholarship award to come from new donations since earnings were down. The recipient has been chosen. Since no funds have been received, the Foundation office will accept cash, checks, or IOU’s from the Senate today as an envelope was passed among members.

Jazz in the Garden Event/Theresa – This faculty/staff event will be held on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Native Plant Garden with Jazz band FYG with our own Rachel Wegter, poetry readings by GWC’s Dibakar Barua and Paul Tayyar (during band breaks), and refreshments.

I. Welcome Guests

II. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes:
1. March 24, 2009
The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Opportunity for Public Comment
Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Academic Senate on any item that has been described in this notice, before or during consideration of the item. NONE

V. Consent Items
None.

VI. ASGWC Report
Report from Amir Shakoorian (ASGWC President):
• The GWC Teacher of the Year Committee selected History Professor, David Moore, for 2009/2010.
• At the last Planning and Budget meeting, the Sustainability Committee was approved. It is being formed with the first meeting to be held in May. This committee composition does not mirror other campus committees as it is an advisory committee. The composition has been determined but not the membership.
• A district-wide student Blood Drive is being planned in May and will be held at the District Office.
• This is Diversity Week (handouts) which ends with the Peace Day event on Friday in the Student Center, with faculty, staff, and students encouraged to sign-up.
• Amir restated the ASGWC position in favor of outsourcing as they feel it will be better for students.
VII. Call for Nominations
1. 1st call
   a. A counselor to represent GWC on the District Title V Review Committee.
2. 2nd call
3. 3rd call
   a. A faculty representative from Physical Education, Athletics, and Health to serve on the College Technology Committee (Nick Mitchell’s resignation).

VIII. Unfinished Business
1. Action Required
2. No Action Required - Discussion

IX. New Business
1. Action or No Action Items
   a. Institutional Effectiveness Committee New Assessment Philosophy Statement discussion and approval (Jaima Bennett) handout
   M (Carr)/S/U to approve the spirit of this document. Diane will forward this document to the other Coast Community College District Senate presidents after our Senate gives final approval. This item will be brought back to the next meeting for final changes.
   b. Recommendations for Program Reduction and Suspension-Follow-up from Senate presentations and discussions March 10th and 24th e-attachment
   M (Watkins)/S/U to approve recommending a meeting between the faculty, administration, and the Dean of CTE, and asking the executive board to draft a resolution on this issue to bring back to the Senate at the April 28 meeting.
   c. Bookstore Proposal Follow-up from Senate presentation March 24th
   M (Chapman)/S/U to approve proceeding with the RFP (Request for Proposal) process as well as continuing to look at ways to improve the current bookstore efficiency for students and faculty.
2. No Action Required – Discussion
   a. New Faculty Hiring List 2009-2011 (Wes Bryan) handout
   Statements from the Library (Julie Wolfe-Davis); Physical Education, Health Education, and Athletics (Mike Shaughnessy,); and College Success (Gregg Carr) were read at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.
   An update on this hiring process will be on the May agenda.

X. Information Items
1. Reports/Information
   a. Spring Plenary Resolutions Update (Theresa Lavarini) e-attachment
   Senators can forward any comments regarding these resolutions to Theresa or Diane who will be attending the Plenary session. Voting will be on Saturday, so email your comments before then. A handout on how to write resolutions was distributed along with the spring resolutions.
   b. Campus Diversity Report (President Wes Bryan) e-attachment
   c. District Committees Update (Diane Restelli)
   Diane said there are five new district committees: Fraud Prevention and Code of Conduct; Faculty Hiring Policy Review Committee; Enrollment Management
Planning Committee; Budget Committee; and the Title V Committee. There is Senate and faculty participation on all of these committees.

d. SLO development by Course/Program/Department with SLO Coordinator’s assistance (Department’s Point Person). This item will be on the next agenda with guest, Victor Quiros, SLO Coordinator.

Written reports are due to the Senate Office by Thursday at 5pm the week preceding the meeting at which the report is attached to the agenda.

2. Senate Committees – Vacancies
   a. Academic Senate
      4. Office Administration (2010)
   b. CCI
      1. Architecture/Drafting/Floral (2011)
      2. Computer Science (2011)
      3. Criminal Justice Training Center (2011)
      4. Office Administration (2010)
   c. IPD
      1. Architecture/Drafting/Floral (2010)
      3. Computer Science (2011)
      4. Criminal Justice (2011)
      5. Physical Education/Health Education (2010)
      6. Physical Sciences (2009)
      7. Social Sciences 2010
   d. OEC
      2. Cosmetology (2010)
      3. Criminal Justice Training Center (2010)
      4. EOPS/ACE (2010)
      5. ESL (2010)

3. E-Business
   a. Don Nielsen to serve as the IPT Committee representative on the Engineering Technology/ Environmental Studies PVR Committee (replacing Travis Vail). Passed (yes-16; no-0)

4. Campus Committee Vacancies
   a. College Technology Committee from the following:
      - Arts & Letters
      - Criminal Justice Training Center
      - Social Science
      (meets 1st and 3rd Monday, 1-3 pm)
   b. Employee of the Month Committee
      (meets 2nd Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Math Science 125, need faculty member with somewhat flexible schedule if possible)
c. Institutional Effectiveness Committee, at-large faculty member to the for term ending 2009 (meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-2:30, President’s Conference Room)

d. Intercultural Affairs Committee, full-time faculty member to serve as co-chair of the (meets one Wednesday or Thursday afternoon a month for 1 hour). Contact Valerie Venegas at Ext. 55139 for more information.

e. Planning and Budget Committee, a faculty-at-large member (no more than one from a division (Counseling and Life Sciences already represented) and not from the four divisions represented by the instructional deans). Must be from a division other than Business and Social Sciences; Career and Technical Education; Arts and Letters; or Learning Resources/Distance Education.

f. Student Finance Commission. Senator needed (replacing Henrietta Carter), meets once in the spring, or as needed throughout the academic year, Student Activities Conference Room

g. Student Success Committee at large faculty – backup

h. Transportation Coordinator Needed (faculty or non-faculty) for the Chicano/Latino College Conference (Friday, May 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). See e-attachment for meeting dates, times, and list of responsibilities. Contact Valerie Venegas in Student Activities at Ext. 55139 if interested, or if you have any questions.

i. The ASGWC needs two faculty members to sit on ASGWC Standing Committees: one for the ASGWC Finance Commission, and one for the ASGWC Food Services Advisory Committee. Contact Valerie Venegas in Student Activities at Ext. 55139 if interested, or if you have any questions.

4. Senate Sympathy and Salutations Fund Balance $177.67

5. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance $5,897.81
   a. Senate Scholarship Update—request (Gregg Carr & Diane Restelli)

   See report under Announcements above.

XI. Announcements

1. Reminder: Panel Discussion, Special Needs Student (Senator/Faculty Input) for 5/26/09 Senate meeting (Open Campus & Students with Special Needs and Inclusion, including Senate Faculty to open dialogue with Department/Program faculty for input)

2. Diversity Week, April 13-17, 2009

3. Accreditation Team Visit Thursday, April 16th

4. GWC Annual Peace Conference, April 17, 2009, 8:30-4:40 PM

5. GWC Jazz & Poetry in the Garden, Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 3-6 p.m. (CA Native Plant Garden)

6. Spring Community Forum, April 22, 2009, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

7. P & B College Goals Taskforce is requesting feedback on the question: “What difficulties did you have, if any, understanding and/or linking your objectives from Program Review to one or more of the current College goals?”

8. Program Review Template—“What worked, did not work?” Senate Follow-up for meeting April 28th

9. Transfer Events: Transfer Day Fair April 30, 10-1 PM (in front of bookstore), Transfer Workshop April 16, 2-3 PM, (Community Center 103)

10. Congratulations to Dr. Joyce Bishop who is the honoree of the Peace Studies Program for receiving the Humanitarian Award for her community service.

11. Dr. Edwardo Jesus Arismendi-Pardi (OCC Academic Senate President) is running for the Area D representative for the Academic Senate
XII. E-Information Sites

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Future Meeting Dates – April 28; and May 12 & 26

XII. Adjourn
The GWC Library faculty would like to express our appreciation to the Academic Senators for their support in rating a new Librarian position third on the faculty ratings.

Although the Library faculty are disappointed in the decision to pass over the Library faculty position at this time, the Librarians will not challenge this decision. The Library faculty support the college campus and fellow faculty.

In agreement with the GWC President, the Librarians understand that the Library faculty position will be slotted the #1 position for the next 2009-2010 hiring cycle. The Librarians thank you and look forward to your continued support in October.
From: Mike Shaughnessy  
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 9:21 AM  
To: Diane Restelli  
Subject: Senate meeting

Diane,

I will not be able to attend tomorrow’s Senate meeting. However, I did want to weigh in on Wes’s decision to pass over some of the higher rated positions for ones that he feels are more urgent. I believe there are times when such decisions are needed and I believe that he has the college’s best interest in mind. However, I also believe there needs to be a commitment or guarantee to those positions that were passed over. I can only support Wes’s decision if he can assure me that College Success, PE, and the other positions will indeed move to the top of the rating list. Otherwise, it seems to be a waste of a lot of time, effort, and emotional stress on all the Academic Senators.
Respectfully,

Mike Shaughnessy
We would also like to thank the Academic Senate for its strong support for the College Success position. You cannot imagine how much we appreciate this support from across our campus and especially the Academic Senate. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and the prompt decision making of the Academic Senate and all of those involved in the rating system. The Academic Senate set its goals and met them. We congratulate you.

While we are disappointed with the decision, we do support our campus and the needs of our departments. We need more full-time faculty members. While we understand this is a difficult decision by Wes and his administrative team, we are putting our hope and trust in them that these three departments will be supported in their efforts to get new faculty during the next round of hiring. We need to support these three departments to make them strong so they can face the challenges of the future. These three departments contribute so much to all parts of this campus, and with the significant changes each department has made, we as a campus need to continue to support them with the hiring of new faculty members. We also would like to compliment the Library and Athletic Departments. These departments were not afraid to voice their views and concerns with determination and firmness while handling themselves with grace and class. We are proud to stand with them, and we will continue to support their needs for the hiring of new faculty members.

With this being said, Mathematics, Counseling, Chemistry, English, Cosmetology and Computer Science, the pressure is now on you. We need full-time faculty, and we need them hired by Fall 2009. While we understand this is a very short timeline, we have faith in all of you that this can be done. It must be done. We as faculty members are spread too thin. Reports must be completed, seats on committees need to be filled, and new ideas to deliver services and teach our students must be researched and explored. These new hires will help all of us. We are looking forward to meeting our nine new faculty members in the Fall, and we would like to ask the Academic Senate to reserve time during their May 2009 meetings to get an update on the hiring process for Fall 2009.

We want to thank Wes for the commitment to hire nine full-time tenured faculty members. Again, we would like to thank the Academic Senate for their continued support, and we look forward to the hiring of new faculty for Fall 2010.