



**FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015
APPROVED**

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the DVC Faculty Senate Council record the votes of all committee members as follows: Members in attendance will have their votes recorded including names of members voting in the minority or abstaining is recorded.

PRESENT: Beth McBrien (President), John Freytag (Vice President), Katrina Keating (Rep-at-large), Peter Churchill (Corresponding Secretary), Cheryl Carter (Counseling), Patrick Moe (Applied and Fine Arts), Carolyn Seefer (Business), Theresa Flores-Lowery (Kinesiology), Buzz Holt (Social Sciences), Marva DeLoach (Library), Barbara Hewitt (Biology/ Health Sciences), David Vela (English), James Magee (Math/Computer Science), Joe Krivicich (Physical Sciences), René Sporer (SRC), Valerie Colber (Part-time Faculty), Muhammed Gheith (Part-time Faculty)

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Becky Opsata, Rick Robison, Rachel Westlake

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2015.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of November 17, 2015 as revised. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Keating, Churchill, Holt, Flores-Lowry, Carter, Seefer, DeLoach, Hewitt, Vela, Magee, Moe, Krivicich, Sporer, Colber, and Gheith. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015. The following members all voted aye: Freytag, Keating, Churchill, Holt, Flores-Lowry, Carter, Seefer, DeLoach, Hewitt, Vela, Magee, Moe, Krivicich, Sporer, Colber, and Gheith. No nays. No abstentions. Approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Vela the ceremonies at the college and the district to honor veterans were both very well done. At the Governing Board meeting Peter Garcia handed the microphone over to Emily Stone, Newin Orante and Gilbert Rocha who all work closely with the veterans on campus. There were also representative student veterans from each campus present.

4. APPOINTMENTS

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keating announced she is collecting warm clothes, coats, gloves scarves and blanket to bring to Nepal when she goes over winter break. Just let her know or bring it by her office if you have anything to donate.

Moe said speech Night is tonight in the PAC. There will be four speakers and a debate on whether or not DVC should allow outside groups to have tables on campus.

Freytag reminded Council that on Thursday we have one the Forum of VPI Candidates

6. VP OF INSTRUCTION

Westlake commented that the Veteran's Ceremony was very nice. She said a former student and veteran, Mark Vargas, who has helped with our Veteran's Center, when he spoke he mentioned Adam Bessie as an instructor that helped him see he could succeed when he first came to DVC.

Westlake said about a week before she, Orante and Stone put out a communication on changes that need to be made in classroom layouts to satisfy ADA requirements. She said they have started working on a couple of pilot classrooms and ran into some glitches. Some of the diagrams were not quite representative of what was actually in those classrooms. She thanked Scott MacDougall and Katy Agnost for spending Friday going from room to room checking that the classrooms were laid out to accommodate all students including disabled students. She said they found that some of our furniture is too big to be ADA accessible. They did find out that each classroom has to have at least one handicap desk and have others available if additional ones are needed in a classroom. She said the classroom diagrams will be out soon.

Churchill asked if maintenance puts desks and chairs back when students have moved them around. Westlake said the diagrams will show how the classroom is supposed to be arranged to be ADA compliant. She said to let her know if there are any issues with the diagrams.

Westlake told Council we now have a new validation form for Program Reviews. She said the comprehensive reviews being done this year are due right before Thanksgiving. The validations will be done on December 11. She said those areas that are not doing comprehensive reviews this year and choose to do an annual review; those are not due until February. She explained the process for validation has changed; there will be 12 comprehensive validations done this year. They will be divided up between two groups that will validate them three at a time in separate rooms over a two hour period. Westlake shared the new validation form that is available online.

Westlake reminded Council that last year we developed institutional effectiveness indicators. We set a goal of increasing course success by .5 percent (should use either 'percent' or the symbol % for both) in the short term and by 2% in the long term. We also had to address an indicator having to do with the accreditation status and one had to do with our fund balance at the end of the year, and a third one that had to do with any audit findings. This year there have been some changes. The course success rate is only for the fall and not the whole year. This is to align with ACCJC reports. We will be asked to do at least one more indicator. The current recommendation is it will be an indicator with a -a metric of our choice for underprepared students. There is an option to do another indicator of our choice and we need to discuss if we want to do that. She said she talked with McBrien about asking the FCS for recommendations on what indicator we might choose. Also Ted Wieden has said the RPEC group to help with data. We will get started on this in about a month.

7. CANVAS/OEI

McBrien told Council when considering possibly adopting the Canvas LMS, to look at it through the lens of student success. She said we first need to discuss Canvas and we will talk about OEI later in the meeting. McBrien told Council there is an article on the State Academic website called "Faculty Primacy in Online Education" by Delores Davison who is the Chair of the State Online Education Committee. In the article she talks about how critical it is for faculty to have primacy in developing curriculum and degrees.

Mario Tejada presented a PowerPoint addressing questions and concerns that have been expressed by faculty. First he reviewed what the conversation is not about including selecting a different LMS and assessing the appropriateness of the business model used by a company. He said these issues were addressed by the RFP process at the state level. Also he reminded Council we are only making a decision on the Canvas LMS at this time. Whether or not to join the OEI will be decided later. Tejada said the concerns they are addressing today are about the Math symbols, the discussion boards, copyrights, intellectual property issues, the transition timeline, and the budget for training and implementation. He said math faculty has reviewed Canvas and they are ok with it but they do have concerns still. Tejada said we could have a third party add-in to resolve what Canvas is lacking for Math and Science classes. He said also, the college president is willing to put money in to meet the needs of the transition. In addition, Canvas has updated a feature called 'Numerical Answer with Precision' for STEM classes.

Tejada then reviewed what can be done on the discussion boards in Canvas including, being able to edit student responses and disabling the option for students to edit their own posts. There is also a peer review option and the instructor can determine who and how many students will review a classmate's work. And there is a SpeedGrader feature in the discussion board. Finally, you can copy and paste original text ~~text~~ into a reply.

Tejada explained the features that protect copyrights. Public access to an instructor's content is not available unless the instructor specifically enables these features.

Tejada told Council the information on how they handle Intellectual property rights is different in the contract that was negotiated between Canvas and OEI than it is on their public website. He said the contract has been forwarded to the appropriate bodies for review as requested.

Tejada shared some responses from OEI to questions that had been asked by faculty. They said basically that all rights including intellectual property rights remain the exclusive property of the customer and the agreement with Canvas does not give them any intellectual property rights either. They also said that the 24/7 support from Instructure is available depending on the needs of the college and what type of support they currently have in place. And Instructure has additional services including premium services including some related to course migration and SIS integration.

Tejada explained the rationale for the timeline to implement Canvas if that's what we decide to do. The D2L contract ends in 14 months. If we don't adopt Canvas, we will have to go through the RFP process to negotiate a new contract. And if we were to sign up now we would have a one year overlap of both D2L and Canvas as we transition. Also if we were to negotiate a one year extension to the D2L contract, that would be expensive and we'd lose any money we could save by going to Canvas.

Tejada told Council the reasons for the Distance Education Committee endorsing the switch to Canvas included that students prefer Canvas, the availability of 24/7 tech support, putting us in a position to join OEI in the future, and trusting that due diligence was done at the state level. Further reasons are that the college president has committed that ~~promised~~ the money saved will be used to support students and faculty directly and indirectly through the transition to Canvas. In addition, D2L has had some performance issues and Canvas can accommodate 90%+ of our faculty with workarounds for those that need additional features.

So, Tejada said the Distance Education Committee had a unanimous vote to endorse a move to Canvas because it will promote our strategic directive to improve student success.

McBrien told Council that if we don't adopt Canvas we will have to go through and RFP process and it could end up that we don't select D2L so we would still have to make a transition. She said D2L had put their name in to be the LMS for OEI and they were not selected. She added that Mojdeh Mehdizadeh had said the thing we liked the least about D2L is the email communication, which was the original reason we had chosen D2L over Canvas.

Gheith asked if in the future they put out a new update, will we have to pay for it. Tejada said the state has the contract so they would negotiate that with Canvas.

Seefer commented that at the OEI information session they listed a lot of things that we would get for free if we join the OEI. These are the same things that President Garcia said he would pay for with the savings.

Robison explained all those "extras" are available at no cost for courses that have been accepted into the exchange. They are available for a price for those courses that are not in the exchange.

Tejada said a study of student preferences was done and the majority of students in the study preferred the Canvas LMS. Seefer asked if a similar study was done from the faculty perspective. Robison clarified that the study was done as part of the state RFP process and it did include a study of faculty preferences and the majority said they prefer Canvas.

Hewitt said if they update every three weeks, we have a lot of old computers that might not support the updated software. Tejada said that's where having a year overlap will give us time to address things like that. Hewitt asked if this is a district-wide decision. Tejada said it is and LMC and CCC have already voted to switch.

Seefer asked if the state thinks Canvas is better for students because students like it or because it is a better program for students.

Orta asked what would happen to all of our records in D2L. Robison said we will have backup for those records. Keating commented that contract periods should be shorter than five years and the discussions should be ongoing and then when it's time to consider a new contract, we don't feel like something has just been sprung on us. She also said if we move to Canvas, we should have discussions about this process and how we could do it better next time it comes up.

Holt is concerned that we don't deal directly with Canvas, the state does. He said he sees an ongoing trend towards taking away colleges independence and we become places that just implement state policy.

Carter said regarding the issue of who owns the content, she contacted Canvas herself and asked. They responded that they do not have the right to do whatever they wish with the content. Carter also said from a counseling perspective she is in support of the OEI. She said having some standardization of comparable classes at different colleges helps students which is what this is about. So, if we don't adopt Canvas that will preclude us from participating in OEI.

Wapner told Council she just received the Canvas contract on Friday and it has been sent to the UF lawyers. From what they have seen so far in the contract they said it is not complete and they cannot do a thorough analysis. There are references and such that are not included in the contract they received.

Robison said we need to come to a consensus as a district and then we can contact OEI. To be in the 2016 cohort that starts in April, we need to notify them by early January. So, within this timeframe it still gives us time to explore the issues can still be researching the contract issues and if we decide not to join after all we can withdraw by April.

Peter Garcia said the current FTES apportionment model for the district is that we get an allocation based on our FTES. That allocation includes the District taking some off the top first and then distributes the rest to the colleges. Then the District assesses the colleges for particular functions and services that are not included in what District does with the portion off the top of the allocation. He said if the District were given a break on a Canvas contract supported by the state, we would as a college be assessed by the District and have more dollars available for college use. He did not see the conversion from D2L to Canvas as being an economic opportunity to raid the former assessment and use it for nefarious purposes that only a president can draw from. So we have a college opportunity to have one less assessment from the district.

Sporer commented that there is no real savings until we quit D2L. So, if we make this change, is the college and district going to provide funds for early adopters training. Garcia said he will be a reasonable ally in how the funds are spent.

McBrien clarified that we are not going to see the savings right away but when we do, President Garcia is committed to using that money for support.

Orta asked if the list we were shown accurately represents what will be funded. Garcia responded that those items are reasonable areas to fund and he will search for up-front money to get it started. DeLoach confirmed that we are not limited to only what is on the list.

8. PLENARY REPORT

Freytag attended the Fall 2015 ASCCC Plenary session the previous week. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the ASCCC website to see what opportunities there are for faculty to attend state senate events, as well as information on proposed and approved resolutions for the Plenary Sessions.

Freytag said there was only one resolution that he was concerned about. 13.03 Opposition to Compensation for Adoption of Open Educational Resources. The resolution opposes an amendment to AB 798 that allows for direct compensation of faculty who choose to adopt open educational resources in the form of reassigned time from instructional duties. He said he voted against it but it passed. It will probably be discussed further at the spring Plenary session.

Freytag said at the breakout sessions, there were a lot of conversations about what is coming at us from the state level. He said all the presentation materials are available on the ASCCC website. He said he went to one breakout on dual enrollment for high school and college, and pathways for high school into college. He said several pilot programs have shown good benefits for students including increased graduation rates from high school, increased GPAs for both high school and community college students, increased persistence and increased overall college success.

Freytag said he also went to a breakout on OEI. It was emphasized when making a decision on whether or not to join the OEI, senates need to consider students interest and success first. They were also told any money saved should be used for professional development.

Freytag said he went to a breakout on baccalaureate degrees and the opinion is that they are going to be expanded. He said at this time there are about 15 baccalaureate degrees at state community colleges. He said Solano is part of pilot program for non-credit courses. He said we should have this be on a future agenda. He said courses such as preparing for assessment could be offered for non-credit.

Freytag said there was a panel discussion on diversifying of faculty in hiring. He said this year there was \$60 million to increase full-time hiring, and they are anticipating \$82 million for next year. However, it has been

determined that the system could handle about 2000 hires in a hiring cycle because of the involvement needed in the process. He said they were told that with a diverse faculty the achievement gap dropped by 20% to 50%. He said some of the things they focused on to achieve a diverse faculty included interviewing and how well can you get to know a candidate in 40 minutes; and also that there are a lot of ways people could gain experience and we need to broaden our view of what those are.

Holt asked in reference to resolutions 13.03, what's to keep him from making a deal with a publisher? Freytag said there is nothing at this time. He said the resolution was about adoption of OERs, not curriculum development. Keating said Jeffrey Michels has said the resolution is out of line of what the legislation is saying. He said it is to provide faculty reassign time so faculty can learn how to use the new type of resource.

Freytag told Council the spring plenary will be in Sacramento this year. In the past it has been in San Francisco but in Sacramento it will be coordinated with other statewide meetings of community college groups.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*