



**FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2010
APPROVED**

PRESENT: Laurie Lema (President), Keith Mikolavich (Vice President), Marva DeLoach (Library), Rick Godinez (San Ramon Campus), Becky Opsata (Applied and Fine Arts), Katrina Keating (Math/Computer Science), Tom Barber (English), Steve Ward (Physical Education, Athletics and Dance), Peter Churchill (Business Education), Becky Opsata (Applied and Fine Arts), Raine Dougan (Counseling), Buzz Holt (Social Sciences), Craig Gerken (Physical Science/Engineering), Lisa Orta (Faculty Development Coordinator), Catherine Machalinski (Biology and Health sciences), Nicole Hess-Diestler (Representative-at-Large), Doug Dildine (Part-time Faculty Representative), Len Grzanka (Part-time Faculty Representative), Ann Patton (Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary)

ABSENT: ASDVC Representative (TBD)

GUESTS: Donna Wapner, Kristen Colchico

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2010 AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of November 16, 2010 as amended. All in favor. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of November 2, 2010 with corrections. All in favor. Approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wapner requested presentations and discussion on degree requirements take place in more than just the Faculty Senate President's report. Lema assured her that will happen.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orta announced the Sabbatical Leave Workshops are scheduled on November 17 and November 23rd. She said the Chancellor told her there will probably be money for sabbaticals next year.

Orta announced a workshop on Using Social Media is scheduled on November 30.

Orta said there is a series of Program Review Workshops She said further information and registration for all workshops can be found on the Staff Development webpage.

Orta said she has not received any Flex workshops so far. Because it is getting late in the semester and she does not have any office support to put out the Flex schedule, she has decided we are not going to have a focus day. She said the deadline for submitting workshops has been extended to the following week.

Hess-Diestler commented that many areas are doing activities related to what we want to focus on, but they are not going through Staff Development so not everyone knows about them. Lema suggested faculty provide a description about their activities to Orta to include in the Staff Development Schedule. Lema said she will work with Orta to design an activity that could be a catalyst for other focused activities.

Lema said she attended the State Academic Senate Plenary Session the previous week. She said there was a lot of discussion about a book titled *The Death of the Great American School System* that she would like to encourage others to read. She said the author was involved in the implementation of No Child Left Behind but she has now changed her thinking on that initiative.

Keating added that Jeffrey Michels gave copies of the book to the Governing Board.

Lema announced the call for faculty lecturer nominations is going out this week. She said they will be selected before the end of the semester to give them plenty of time to prepare.

Lema announced Dennis Franco has been identified by a Stanford student who is a former DVC student regarding the positive impression Franco made on him. She explained incoming Stanford students were asked to name someone that mentored them or helped them in their educational pursuits.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

This item was struck from the agenda. Action was taken at the previous meeting.

4. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lema explained to Council the College Council has proposed a revision to DVC Procedure 1001.02 College Council. This procedure is the charge, function and processes for the College Council. She said she took the Faculty Senate Council's concerns with the process for changing a committee's charge. Lema explained the College Council decided to approve the additional wording but to wait on approval of the procedure until there is broader discussion about the process.

Lema reported at Plenary Session one of the key subjects was about Success Measurements. Faculty will need to determine Success Measurements otherwise the legislature will.

Lema reported a second district-wide meeting took place to discuss the Governing Board changes that need to occur in order to be in compliance with SB 1440. Participants in the district-wide discussion agreed the Governing Board policy must be changed because as it is currently written it is in conflict with SB 1440. She said degree requirements are an academic and professional matter and this one is a rely primarily item for faculty. She said a new Governing Board policy on the AA degree requirements must be on the Governing Board agenda soon after we return from break. Faculty will begin developing the SB 1440 AA transfer degrees and the Governing Board policy must be in compliance in order for those degrees to be sent to the State Chancellor's Office for approval. Lema explained that DVC can continue to offer AA degrees that are not the SB 1440 AA transfer degrees. She shared with Council the proposed new Governing Board policy to address SB 1440 compliance requirements.

The proposed new Governing Board policy would still allow each college in the district to determine any additional college local requirements for all other AA degrees excluding the SB 1440 AA Transfer degrees. DVC could choose to continue our existing additional local requirements for these degrees. She further explained the new proposed Governing Board policy would put us in compliance with the SB 1440 AA transfer degrees and give each college in the district autonomy to determine whether or not to have local requirements for the non-transfer degrees. The proposed new Governing Board policy does not mandate district-wide local requirements.

Wapner said she thought there were three options. The first is to have no board policy. The second is to have no board policy and allow local college requirements. The third option is to have no board policy with the caveat that the colleges can decide themselves. She said she is concerned with the process. She said it seems the decision has been made before there has been broad discussion.

Lema explained each college Faculty Senate is having this discussion now, and the district-wide body discussion was limited to developing a Governing Board policy that addresses SB 1440 compliance.

Wapner continued to express concern with the lack of discussion before the decision. She said the problem with it being at the local level is students will go from college to college to find one with the least requirements.

Lema said the district-wide discussion group was more management than faculty. The senates are now having the discussions and will meet with the Chancellor for consultation on this matter in December.

Barber asked if SB1440 determines that certain classes should not be included.

Lema said the state website, C-ID, is for disciplines to weigh in on the model curriculum for the area of emphasis (major). A major degree will be 60 units with 18 units in the area of emphasis (major). The remaining units must meet the GE requirements and electives to transfer to a CSU. There are limitations in the classes that will fulfill the SB 1440 AA transfer degree requirements.

Lema said this will be on the next agenda and asked Council to send her questions on how to best frame the discussion.

6. ACCREDITATION VISIT

Lema reminded Council the Accreditation Team will be on campus Thursday, November 18. The Faculty Senate Council will be meeting with the Team in the BFL CCR at 2:00. It will be a closed meeting.

Dougan said she is still somewhat confused about our new committee structure and wondered what she should say if asked about it. Lema reminded Council we don't have to appear perfect but show that we are doing the work and evaluating the structure and processes and making changes as needed. Mikolavich added that he feels the discussions are getting better, and the solutions are getting better. He realizes we don't yet have a clear through-line-but we are working on streamlining. He said we can say honestly that we are talking.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*