



**FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 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), Catherine Machalinski (Biology and Health sciences), Lisa Orta (Faculty Development Coordinator), Doug Dildine (Part-time Faculty Representative), Len Grzanka (Part-time Faculty Representative), Ann Patton (Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary)

**ABSENT:** Nicole Hess-Diestler (Representative-at-Large), ASDVC Representative (TBD)

**GUESTS:** Susan Lamb, Ben Seaberry, Kristin Colchico, Mike Norris, Karen Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2010 AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010.**

**It was MSC to approve the agenda of December 14, 2010 as amended to include approval of the Faculty Lecturer. All in favor. Approved.**

**It was MSC to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010. All in favor. Approved.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. COUNCIL COMMENT**

None.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Orta announced changes to the Flex schedule will be published in January. She said there are great workshops scheduled and encouraged faculty to attend

B. Orta announced she has received more copies of "Whistling Vivaldi". The college-wide kick off will be on January 20 and there are several more events scheduled throughout the semester.

C. Ward announced Dennis O'Donnell KPIX sports announcer and a former DVC student, will be the speaker at the PE Awards Banquet in January.

**5. FACULTY LECTURER**

Lema informed Council the Senate Honors Committee, James Hoffman and Merv Maruyama have recommended David Vela for this year's Faculty Lecturer. He will be speaking about how the Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges inspired him to explore Spanish authors.

**It was MSC to approve David Vela as the 2011 Faculty Lecturer. All in favor with one abstention. It was approved.**

Lema informed Council the dates will be selected after winter break.

## **6. BUDGET FORUMS**

Lema reminded Council the College President will be making decisions soon on the budget cuts but we still have the opportunity to forward suggestions. Mikolavich said Wieden is to report on the Budget Forums at the Governance Committees Co-chair meeting.

Opsata said the Applied and Fine Arts Department Chairs had a meeting the previous day and they spent most of it talking about the budget. She said the chairs agreed there needs to be college-wide conversation to decide what we as a college will be as we make cuts.

Freytag said he heard the budget forums will include students and we need to ask them if they want quality or quantity. What do students absolutely need to succeed in courses? He also said if there is a forum for department chairs, it should be open to all faculty.

Dougan said she likes the idea of a survey like the one that was done last year. She said it is hard to come to consensus in a forum. In a survey people share ideas they might not share at a forum.

Machalinski commented that a huge percentage of our budget is personnel and those are difficult conversations to have. She does not think forums will be useful if we don't talk about this.

Mikolavich said the conversations should be about positions and not individual employees. He said we need to think about what we can do without for the next five years.

Freytag said the forums should be held for constituency groups. He also said he hopes there is more transparency in the process for the decisions than there was last year.

Holt said after all is said and done, isn't the state going to drive what we do. Lema responded that if the state lowers cap, that would certainly dictate some of the cuts. Dildine added that it also has to do with what the District decides to do with its reserves.

Machalinski commented that the District reserve got so large because they were worried about unfunded liabilities yet other colleges in the state do not do this. She questions at this time if that is really a priority or is it to keep the colleges running. She said we need to put pressure on the Governing Board and the Union.

Keating informed Council the UF is discussing how to lower costs of benefits.

## **7. ARTS AND LECTURE COMMITTEE**

Lema explained the Arts and Lectures committee membership numbers don't match up with how many areas Council wanted represented. Lema proposed the membership list three from the arts and no specification for a member from the sciences.

Machalinski commented people are misinterpreting what the committee does because of its name. They assume it does not include activities in the sciences.

Keating suggested it specify three members be from disciplines outside the arts, preferably one from the sciences.

**The question was called to list the membership of the Arts and Lectures committee as three faculty from the arts, and 3 from other disciplines, preferably one from the sciences. All favor. Approved.**

## **8. VICE-PRESIDENT OF INSTRUCTION**

Lamb said there is a structural deficit in the state, a bad economy, and some industries are saying they will not recover until 2020 but we will get through this. She said this is going to change us as a college and we need to be careful how we change. She knows the budget discussions will not have easy answers. She said we have to ask how can we reduce what we can do and still help students succeed? She said that predicting cap is a guessing game and right now we are just 25 above cap which is not much wiggle room. She explained if the state reduces cap and we already have summer scheduled, then we would have to make a larger cut in the spring so we could hedge our bets and have 3% shadow courses. Although a reduction in cap has not been decided, if the state does reduce cap then they are the bad guys for blocking students, but if they just reduce funding then we are the bad guys. Another piece of the puzzle is that PE and the arts have large numbers and are keeping us buoyant, but as we cut those we will be

less buoyant. She commented our organization is going to have huge changes but we still have to address student success, the achievement gap, basic skills students, etc.

Mikolavich stated we should say we are going to do less with less.

Freytag asked if the \$15 million in cuts is \$3 million a year for five years. Lamb said a lot of the discussions on numbers are speculation and costs for PERS, health care, etc are going up. She responded to Freytag that yes, it is an ongoing issue.

Holt asked how much is the current college budget. Lamb said it is \$86 million and of that \$3.5 is the operating budget which we cut last year.

Lema asked if the spring 2011 schedule is safe from cuts. Lamb said at this point it is but we need to look at what to do with the summer schedule.

Gerken asked where the 3% came from in cuts to the schedule. Lamb said it is based on the previous year.

Lema commented we need to get to the point where our program reviews drive our budget decisions, not the other way around.

Freytag commented he heard it was great to have everyone in the room at the program review and validation session the previous week. However, there were some challenges because of different levels of preparation.

## **9. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Postponed due to time constraints.**

## **10. ONLINE TASKFORCE**

Karen Edwards told Council she spoke with Ben Seaberry and he is concerned there are online course guidelines that need to be updated. Edwards said it needs faculty input and she is requesting the Online Task Force be reinstated or some sort of advisory group. She said we could also do a survey on how online courses are handled in each department. She said Seaberry will be looking at how IT supports online courses.

Machalinski said a task force should be made up of both online and face-to-face instructors.

Orta said she thinks it should be a standing committee as online courses are increasing and ongoing.

Council briefly discussed the problems of verifying the person doing the coursework is the person that is registered in the course.

Lema said this will be discussed further at the next meeting. She said they should decide if it will be a task force, advisory group or a standing committee before writing a charge.

## **11. A.A. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING BOARD POLICY AND SB1440**

Council will vote on the proposed Governing Board Policy "Philosophy and Requirements for Associate Degree and General Education" in order to be in compliance with SB 1440.

### **A.A. GE REQUIREMENTS**

Council will discuss the resolution: DVC Faculty Senate supports the CCCC District colleges to each have autonomy to make decisions regarding their college local A.A. (non SB1440) GE requirements.

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REVIEW OF A.A. GE REQUIREMENTS**

Council will vote to charge the Curriculum Committee to begin a review of our local A.A. GE requirements.

Lema explained the resolutions regarding Governing Board policy related to the implementation of SB 1440 is about whether or not we want the colleges to have autonomy over their non-transfer AA degree requirements, and whether or not to have our Curriculum Committee review our college AA GE requirements.

Michael Norris, LMC Academic Senate President said FSCC needs to know what action DVC is going to take on these issues. He said his Senate voted to support the existing district policy, and it is not clear what CCC's position is. He said Consultation is this coming Friday and FSCC needs to be prepared.

Lema explained the colleges did not develop the same resolutions after discussion at FSCC. She said DVC's proposed resolutions were formulated at the Senate agenda meeting to address DVC's specific concerns.

Lema reviewed for Council, the first resolution is to support the proposed Governing Board policy which would be in compliance with SB 1440 and has a provision for the colleges to have requirements for non-transfer degrees beyond Title 5 requirements.

Dougan asked Norris why LMC voted to stay with the existing district policy. Norris explained LMC faculty felt PE and Health Education was so important to students that it should be required district wide. He said the proposed Governing Board policy goes beyond SB 1440.

Lema clarified the second resolution would keep the autonomy at the colleges. She said colleges give degrees, not districts, and we are voting on whether DVC make the decision regardless of what the other colleges decide.

Holt asked if we know the numbers or percentages of our students would be on the transfer track. Lema responded the legislature felt this was a big enough issue to enact the law.

Dougan said she sees a lot of students who want degrees and they are not planning on transferring. She hopes even if we have local control, the three colleges are harmonious in what we do because a lot of students go to more than one college in the district. Lema said the communication studies instructors from all three colleges have talked about meeting to see if they can reach agreement on the model curriculum for their transfer degrees.

Kristin Colchico reminded Council for now, SB 1440 is only for the transfer tracks. However, she said a lot of students don't transfer and they won't have access to PE and Health Education if it is not offered at our colleges. Lema reminded Council these resolutions are not about eliminating PE and Health Education but about giving each college autonomy to decide if those courses will be included in non-transfer degrees.

**The question was called to vote on the proposed Governing Board Policy "Philosophy and Requirements for Associate Degree and General Education" in order to be in compliance with SB 1440. All in favor, Approved.**

**The question was called to vote on the resolution that DVC Faculty Senate supports the CCCC District colleges to each have autonomy to make decisions regarding their college local A.A. (non SB1440) GE requirements. All in favor. 1 abstainsion. Approved.**

**The question was called to vote to charge the Curriculum Committee to begin a review of our local A.A. GE requirements. All in favor. Approved.**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Langelier-Patton  
Administrative Secretary*

