



**FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2011
APPROVED**

PRESENT: Laurie Lema (President), Beth McBrien (Vice President), John Freytag (Corresponding Secretary), Nicole Hess-Diestler (Representative-at-Large), Ed Trujillo (Applied and Fine Arts), Tom Barber (English), Marva DeLoach (Library), Theresa Flores-Lowry (Physical Education, Athletics and Dance), Buzz Holt (Social Sciences), Craig Gerken (Physical Science/Engineering), Catherine Machalinski (Biology and Health Sciences), Maria Dorado (Counseling), Rick Godinez (San Ramon Campus), Doug Dildine (Part-time Faculty Representative), Len Grzanka (Part-time Faculty Representative), Ann Patton (Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary)

ABSENT: Katrina Keating (Math/CompSci), Peter Churchill (Business Education), Lisa Orta (Faculty Development Coordinator), ASDVC Representative (TBD)

GUESTS: Susan Lamb

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2011 AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2011.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of October 25, 2011 as amended. All in favor. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 with corrections. All in favor. Approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Keating said she has heard conflicting information on the issue of apportionment for students receiving letter grades and would like more information.

Trujillo said he has concerns with the new hours by arrangement regulations. He said it will be difficult to accommodate them in the classes he teaches. He said for example, he has different groups in his classes that work on different aspects of a production at different times and the regulations would have them all working at the same time.

4. APPOINTMENTS

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orta announced the documentary on immigration “Not in Our Town” will be shown on November 1st and 2nd.

Orta announced a panel discussion on the Decline of the Middle Class is scheduled on

Orta announced the Flex focus day on teaching and learning/achievement gap will be on the first Flex day, January 18th.

6. STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT

Lema told Council Jane Patton, past president of the State Academic Senate and a member of the Student Success Task Force attended the Area B meeting. Lema said at the Area B Meeting we reviewed many resolutions related to recommendations in the Task Force report. At the Area B meeting she was told it is very important to respond to the Task Force recommendations.

Lema said the State Chancellor's priority recommendation is statewide assessment. Lema said the Chancellor the Chancellor's Office to have increased centralization, authority and control in the state system. Lema said constituency groups can still help shape the recommendations in the Task Force report.

Lema shared with Council a list of critical deadline dates for providing feedback. She said the most critical thing faculty can do is to post comments on the state web page. Lema would like to set a goal of at least 50 DVC faculty posting on the web site. She explained the comments will be organized and given to the Task Force in November along with any resolutions and other constituent responses.

Lema reminded Council a district-wide meeting is scheduled on November 1 at DVC to work on the district response.

Lema commented that if there is overwhelming pushback and the Task Force ignores it, it should go to the Board of Governors.

Lema told Council she and Katrina Keating will be voting on the resolutions at the Plenary Session on behalf of DVC Faculty Senate and FSCC. Lema reviewed with Council several pending resolutions and asked representatives to seek feedback from their divisions especially on those resolutions that directly relate to their disciplines.

7. SCHEDULING TASK FORCE

Lema told Council President Garcia has requested the Senate conduct an evaluation of the Scheduling Task Force work. She has contacted the Task Force members and asked them what should be evaluated, who should be involved in the evaluation, which method should be used, and what should be the process for the use of the results. She said the survey could be conducted via Survey Monkey. She suggested there should be an internal evaluation by the Task Force members and an external evaluation which should probably include department chairs and schedulers.

Holt said the survey should go to all faculty.

Godinez said Division Deans should also be included in the survey.

Lema clarified the evaluation is not of the committee members but process and work accomplished.

Freytag said he has questions about if survey results will be included in future accreditation reports, how is this information going to be used, and how will the feedback from the groups that participate in the survey be weighted. He said we need to answer these questions before we go into the process.

Keating reminded Council that it was a Senate Task Force and the Senate should answer those questions.

7. BUDGET PROCESS

Postponed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*