



FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 9, 2013

APPROVED

PRESENT: Laurie Lema (President), Buzz Holt (Social Sciences), Maria Dorado (Counseling) Beth McBrien (Vice President), Katrina Keating (Representative-at-Large), John Freytag (Corresponding Secretary), Milagros Ojermark (Applied and Fine Arts), Marva DeLoach (Library), Keri DuLaney-Greger (English), Craig Gerken (Physical Science/Engineering), Theresa Flores-Lowry (Physical Education) Peter Churchill (Business), Catherine Machalinski (Biology and Health Sciences), Cheryl Martucci (Math/CompSci), Athletics and Dance), Renee Sporer (SRC), Doug Dildine (Part-time Faculty Representative), Ann Patton (Faculty Senate Administrative Secretary)

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Susan Lamb,

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF APRIL 9, 2013, AND THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2013.

It was MSC to approve the agenda of April 9, 2013. All in favor. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 with corrections. All in favor. Approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COUNCIL COMMENT

Holt said he saw the DVC Drama production of Richard III and said it was a great production and Beth McBrien did a great job as director.

Freytag said he is glad we are doing a lot of marketing about additional classes this summer but he was shocked to hear \$17,000 was spent on postcards.

Freytag said he heard about the new online system for faculty to track their Flex activities but he is concerned they will be doing so during a period when the portal has a high level of use and if the system will be prepared so it is an efficient use of faculty time.

Machalinski asked if use of the new system can be postponed until they are sure it is ready. Lamb said the UF was consulted about the implementation. Lema said she will talk to Andy Kivel and Glenn Appell about faculty concerns with the new flex tracking system.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keating said her daughter has been using Desire2Learn for a couple years and she said it is important that both students and instructors receive training, and IT support is critical.

Lema announced the Dinner Theater is scheduled on May 3 for the opening night of "All in the Timing".

Lema announced there will be a retirement event this year. Ann Patton will work with Jeanie Dewhurst and Andy Kivel to plan an event on May 10.

Lema announced the Faculty Lecturer, Glenn Appell is scheduled on April 17 from 12:30-1:30 and on April 18 at 7 pm. The evening lecture will be followed by a reception.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Lema told Council the District is planning a 65th Anniversary celebration and she has been asked to appoint a faculty member to the planning committee. She asked Council to forward her recommendations.

Lema said she also is looking for two faculty members for the Sabbatical Leave Committee for their meeting this semester. She said they should be a faculty member who has been on a sabbatical leave at least more than one year prior.

Program Review Task Force

Marina Crouse SRC

Milagros Ojermark Applied and Fine Arts

Claudia Hein Physical Sciences

Beth McBrien Co-Chair IC

Integration Council

Marina Crouse SRC – 2nd term

District Wide Student Success Task Force

Maria Dorado

Tutoring Advisory Committee

Chuck Shackett

It was MSC to approve all the appointments listed. All in favor. Approved.

6. VP OF INSTRUCTION REPORT

Lamb told Council Barbara Beno made a presentation at the CCCCIO Conference recently. Beno's presentation included information about the amount of policies the US Department of Education is issuing, and the accrediting commissions are required to look for compliance with those policies. Lamb said receiving financial aid is the motivation for schools compliance. Lamb shared an example of the confusion that can be caused when receiving conflicting information from the USDE and ACCJC. She explained when we wanted to change the name of SRC and we were moving the center, we sent a letter for each change as required by ACCJC. USDE came back and said they wanted both changes in one letter.

Lamb said a positive thing that is happening with ACCJC is that they are telling teams what to look for and sharing that information with the schools.

Lamb reminded Council that we have to address USDE policies in our accreditation report. She said that accreditation is now an ongoing evolving process, and we have to write reports on substantive changes and annual reports. She said the annual reports are in the spring and have become longer than they were in the past and are now almost a mini accreditation report. She said we usually write substantive reports in the fall since that ties into our curriculum processes. She said also we have to pay \$850 every time we file a substantive change report. Lema asked if we track the ongoing costs related to accreditation. Lamb said we have begun to keep a separate account to help with tracking those expenses.

Freytag commented that he heard Beno state at a presentation that there are no costs to colleges for accreditation.

Lamb told Council Barry Russell from the State Chancellors office also came to the CCCCIO for a discussion on repeatability. He said that the regulations were not put in place to maintain the status quo but to limit the number of times a student can take a course. He said they have received information on the families of courses that colleges are developing and many of them look like they are trying to get around the regulations. Lamb gave one example of PE courses that were taught simultaneously as one course and now they have been separated out. Lamb said she responded to Russell that is the approach the PE departments are being told to take by their state organization. However, the colleges have received nothing in writing about this. Russell said these particular courses were not for skill development. He said he would get a communication out by the end of the week. She said last year we had

about 1400 repeats and that equals about \$50,000. She said she wants us to be aware what is at risk. She said they will be auditing this next spring and they could take back financial aid funds if they decide we have not complied. Lema commented that we are getting a lot of different messages. She said we did our work and now we hear it may not be right, so who do we respond to?

7. SLOs

Lema asked Council for the feedback they received from their divisions on the issue of publicizing SLO Assessment results.

Machalinski said she received one email stating opposition to publishing the ones that have been done because faculty were told they would not be published when they were writing them.

Lamb reminded Council this is a basic eligibility requirement, and not an accreditation standard. We need to be aware of this if we decide not to do it. She said as the ALO she cannot support non-compliance.

Holt said he agrees it defies common sense but the time we should have said something was four years ago but we were not paying close enough attention.

Lamb reminded Council we are talking about program SLOs, not course SLOs.

Keating said she interprets the information on the ACCJC web site differently.

Lamb explained the commission has a checklist of eligibility requirements and this is one of them.

Lamb clarified the question is, if we are going to keep the ones that have been created up to this point private since that was the agreement. We will let everyone know that the ones that are done from this point on will be published. It was moved and seconded that the Program SLO assessment results will begin to be available to the public beginning with the results from spring 2013.

Keating commented that this is one of the inconsistencies in the information we receive from the Commission and we can take issue with this at the Department of Justice.

Lema commented that these issues are a challenge for visiting accreditation teams also.

8. FSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lema reported that State Chancellor Brice was at DVC this morning to talk about the new scorecard. He shared some of the scorecard information that is on the web for DVC. She said the data has categories for prepared and unprepared students.

Lema told Council President Garcia has asked both the Classified and Faculty Senate Presidents to meet with cabinet to discuss the Flex Mandatory day. Lema said she gets a wide variety of responses from faculty about what they want the day to be.

DuLaney-Greger commented that she sent an email to her division about this and has not had many responses but the ones she received said it is a long day and they would rather spend time talking about teaching issues, although they like the introductions of the new faculty.

Keating said she has heard faculty say they prefer the all faculty day because they feel it is more "productive".

DeLoach said she also got across the board responses. Some said they like the togetherness, some did not.

Churchill said he likes the convocation from the president, the senate president and the chancellor. He said it is a great tradition, but the problem is the rest of the day.

Lema agreed the day feels more exhausting than it used to and wondered if there is a way for the deans to do their division meetings differently to reduce the feeling of overload.

Machalinski said there is a lot of information that does not need to be presented verbally but could be on a handout.

Freytag suggested they do their business in the morning and do something with the college community in the afternoon such as a barbeque.

Lema said it might be nice to start the semester with some lighter activities.

Dorado said the majority in counseling liked a faculty focus, maybe with a speaker. Only one person said they like the all college day event

Machalinski said community activities do have merit. She commented the best part of the Strategic Planning Day was lunch when everyone could really talk. Lema said the amount of meetings in one day is too much. Faculty have commented they are exhausted before the semester starts

Freytag wondered if college could be closed for an hour for a community building activity.

Garcia said he does not really care which type of day it is but it is about how people feel. He asked how does faculty mitigate against the classified feeling left out.

DuLaney-Greger said the problems are not going to be solved in one day, and there is a need for connection between faculty and classified, but also between divisions. She said we could have a series of events for faculty and classified together.

Lema said part of the problem is we only have one mandatory day.

Freytag commented that classified need to feel permitted to leave their desks/jobs to attend.

Garcia said the challenge is that he has seen participation in community events going down and the need to have collective experiences has not waned. He reminded Council accreditation says we need to have broad college conversations about student learning.

Dildine said we need to decide what we want to accomplish with these activities.

Garcia said the next opening day should foreshadow the strategic plan.

Keating commented that the opening day is not the first day of meetings. She said when she started at DVC the first two days were more fun activities but now we don't have enough time to have all the meetings we are supposed to have.

McBrien said we are trying to do too many things at once. She suggested that if we could move the division/department meetings, we then have everyone together for the introduction and then faculty and classified can each do their own activities.

Lema said we need to have conversations as we try to find ways to spend meaningful time together with classified.

9. PROGRAM REVIEW

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

10. STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE

Dorado told Council the Counseling Department has been working on creating a work group that is focused on rethinking student orientation and education planning. She said they also have reviewed the FAQs regarding the Student Success Act. And they have discussed possible timelines for implementation. One goal is to have the Education Plan piece implemented by Fall 2014. She said they are conducting a trial for writing education plans with students who attend orientation in the summer. Dorado said they have received some SDS funding to research how other colleges are implementing the student success act and will assess strategies that we could adopt.

Dorado said there is another workgroup that is looking at how to provide more accessibility to student services for AB 540 students. And a third workgroup from the Career and Transfer Center is working on helping basic skills students get career and transfer services information. Dorado said the Student Success Task Force has met a few times and they would like help from faculty and classified for ideas and suggestions on how to further implement the Student Success Act.

11. TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

Freytag told Council there were 130 respondents to the faculty technology use survey. He said he reviewed the results and the comments and shared a brief summary. A theme he observed was that the technology resources and support do not allow faculty to effectively teach face to face classes and to complete other job related tasks. He said it was clear faculty do not know who to call for assistance.

Freytag said there were numerous positive comments about Jeff Jewell in media services. Freytag called Jewell to let him know. Freytag said faculty want more Mac support. They also said we need more permanent IT staff and they do not blame the existing staff for the problems.

Responses also said many students don't check their college email accounts. Desire2Learn came up a lot. Many said the equipment in labs is old. There were many comments about access to the technology systems during peak times such as during registration and the impact on students. There were many comments about the need for more smart classrooms.

Freytag said the survey results will be shared with Peter Garcia, Chris Leivas, Mojdeh Medizadeh and Percy Roper.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Langelier-Patton
Administrative Secretary*