

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017

In attendance: Katie Schertle, Monica Malamud, Denise Erickson, Hyla Lacefield, Lisa Palmer, Daryan Chan, Sarah Aranyakul, Lale Yurtseven, Leigh Anne Shaw, Tracy Huang, Anne Nicholls, Diana Tedone, VPSS

1. Meeting called to order at 2:14
2. Agenda adopted with rearrangement (3-1, 4-2, etc.) UNANIMOUS
3. Consent Agenda: MOT attendees Approved UNANIMOUS
4. Minutes Approved: UNANIMOUS with one abstention (Katie Schertle)
5. Consent Agenda: Counseling Tenure-Review Committees—should be “Counseling Evaluation Committees”
 - a. Discussion: According to the new contract, committees have only 3 faculty members, so committees need to decide whom to drop
 - b. Christopher Rico is second year, not third year
 - c. Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez’s chair is Gloria Darafshi, not Sandra Mendez
 - d. Committees approved UNANIMOUS with abstention of Lorraine and Daryan
6. Questions/comments on non-agenda items
 - a. Leigh Anne Shaw:
 - i. At Board meeting last night, Shaw commented on the Skyline issue regarding purported act of racism.
 1. This is a teaching issue; therefore, it’s a Senate issue.
 2. We will be discussing equity and racial sensitivity on all of our campuses.
 3. We will discuss the role attitudes such as complacency play in perpetuating racism.
 4. When there is a Judgment error, the goal is to improve rather than to defend the behavior.
 5. The legal counsel that was provided to the faculty member used “academic freedom” to justify the incident, but academic freedom doesn’t defend a judgement error.
 - b. Hyla: We will continue this discussion at our next meeting; everyone encouraged to attend. We will talk about steps we can take to create safe environments for learning.
 - c. Monica: Will prepare information on what academic freedom means in legal realm.
7. PBC: is moving forward; Hyla will bring list of members next meeting.
8. Treasurer’s report: we have money.
9. Curriculum:
 - a. We have 241 courses that need updating this academic year; only 2 have been submitted so far, but one of them wasn’t up for review.
 - b. Katie will be sending plea to division reps to notify concerned faculty. No curriculum has been submitted for the next cc meeting, so it has been cancelled.

- c. The next CC meeting is October 13.
 - d. The CC wants to invite ASCCC to give a presentation on curriculum training, which costs \$1000 (travel). Our CC is setting the agenda and will invite other campuses.
 - e. Can CC request funding?
 - f. Hyla: Yes; we'll put the request on the next agenda.
10. Diana: AS awards committee
- a. Diana has volunteered to serve again.
 - b. Daryan volunteered
 - c. Approved: Unanimous with abstention of Diana and Daryan
11. Dean of Counseling Hiring Committee (third time)
- a. VPSS: the faculty who were recommended to HR (Nadya Sigona, Gloria Darafshi, and as backup, Nick Martin and Daryan Chan) were in order to try to have breadth and representativeness.
 - b. Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez: she put her name forward because she had experience from the first committee that she thinks would be insightful moving forward with the third committee. Also, she coordinates the 'categoricals' (EOPS and CARE) and she previously coordinated CalWorks.
 - c. Gloria Darafshi and Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez nominated to serve: UNANIMOUS
12. Canvas for College Communications Committee
- a. Someone to set up discussions board
 - b. We nominate Allison Hughes. UNANIMOUS
13. Lale Yurtseven: district is proposing that we adopt DELL technology, which means we won't be able to get Macs unless we have special needs.
- a. Katie: perhaps faculty could get a certain amount of funding toward a computer (Mac)
 - b. Doug: last year, some new faculty were coming in with high expectations in terms of office equipment. The money for IT is running out. Now the colleges have to come up with a plan for how to budget hardware. Why not allocate a certain amount of funding rather than the brand of equipment?
 - c. Ana: Will go back to the committee and say that the AS advocates flexibility. We do not support this proposal.
 - d. Doug: The printers aren't listed on the form.
14. Professional Learning Plan and other PD-related developments
- a. Hyla: a committee to advocate what we want as PD would be useful
 - b. "Professional Learning" encompasses everyone
 - c. Lale: we need more sessions on teaching; she volunteered to be on the committee.
 - d. Ana: could we alternate mid-semester Flex days on Tues/Weds.
 - e. Monica: this will be discussed at the October 18 AFT meeting.
 - f. Flexception will be a discussion about what should happen at Flex.
15. Professional Learning committee appointment of faculty representative (meets one Tuesday/month from 1-3 pm) Lale and Lisa are interested.

16. Anne: Couldn't we do interesting and invigorating district-wide things like we used to?
Leigh Anne: the state said we needed to gear Flex differently.
17. Tracy Huang: appointment to the accreditation ISER team (comprehensive review in fall 2019)
 - a. Nominated co-chairs approved; UNANIMOUS
18. Goals for 2017-18
 - a. Discuss Skyline incident
 - b. Revision of by-laws
 - c. Accreditation
 - d. Send other ideas to Hyla, preferably on Thursdays
19. Hyla proposes that Diane Tedone serve as her designee to the district participatory governance counsel

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm