Academic Senate
Grossmont College

Minutes of the Meeting – April 21, 2008

PRESENT: Sue Gonda (Vice President); Jeff Lehman (Senate Officer at Large); Jennifer Carmean (ASL); Tina Young (AOJ); Marion deKoning (Art); Virginia Dudley, Michele Perchez, Allison Shearer ( Biological Sciences); Brian Keliher, Evan Enowitz (Business Administration); Rick Kirby (Cardiovascular Technology); Sheridan DeWolf, Amy Obegi (Child Development); Joel Castellaw (Communication); Diane Mayne-Stafford (Computer Science); Donne Leigh, Mary Rider (Counseling); Jane Nolan (Disabled Student Services); Oralee Holder, Micah Jendian (English); Chuck Passentino, Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin (ESL); Pearl Lopez, Sylvia Montejano (EOPS); Jim Symington, Karen Caires (Exercise Science and Wellness); Devon Atchison (History); Priscilla Rogers (International Business); Susan Working, Jenny VandenEynden (Math); Evan Wirig (Media Communications); Derek Cannon (Music); Joy Zozuk (nursing); Christine Vicino (Occupational Therapy); David Milroy (Part-Time Representatives); Ross Cohen (Physics, Astronomy, & Physical Sciences); Lorenda Seibold-Phalan (Respiratory Therapy); Craig Everett (Theatre Arts).

ABSENT: Chris Hill (President); Laura Burger (Senate Officer at Large); Scott Barr (Senate Officer at Large); Raul Sandelin (Senate Officer at Large); P.J. Ortmeier, Lance Parr (AOJ); Jim Wilsterman (Art); Israel Cardona, Gregg Robinson, Amy Ramos (Behavioral Sciences); Linda Snider, Barb Gillespie (Business Office Technology); Don Ridgway (Cardiovascular Technology); Martin Larter, Diana Vance (Chemistry); Jill Carleton, Victoria Howitt (Communication); Janet Gelb (Computer Science); Debbie Lim (Counseling); Tom Gamboa (Cross Cultural Studies); Joe Orate (Culinary Arts); Kathy Meyers (Dance); Carl Fielden (Disabled Student Services); Scott Therkalsen, Jenny Duncan (Earth Science); Joan Ahrens, Tony Ding, Adelle Schmitt, Tate Hurvitz, Lisa Ledri-Aguilar (English); Barbara Loveless (ESL); Randy Absher, Jamie Ivers, Larry Larsen (Exercise Science and Wellness); Paul Vincent, Yolanda Guerrero, Carmen Hernandez, Edda Temoche-Wedele (Foreign Language); Pat Morrison (Library); Ray Funk, Corey Manchester, Shirley Pereira (Math); William Snead (Media Communications); Paul Kurokawa, Steve Baker, (Music); Lee Johnson (Part-Time Representatives); Zoe Close, Bill Hoaglin (Philosophy, Humanities & Religious Studies); Brian Jennings, Scott McGann, Joseph Braunwarth (Political Economy); Barry Winn (Respiratory Therapy); Beth Duggan (Theatre Arts).

GUESTS:
- Pamela Wright - Institutional Research and Planning
- Tina Pitt - VP Academic Affairs
- John Colson - VP Student Services

RECORER: Leslie Lacher & Devon Atchison

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:05am)

A. Public Comment
   None

B. Approval of Agenda
   A motion was made to approve the day’s agenda.

   M/S/U   DeWolf/Milroy
   The motion passed

C. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2008
   Postponed.
II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Announcements

None

B. ROP Conversion

Tina Pitt, Vice President Academic Affairs, reported the Assembly Bill 2448, the Hancock Bill, was passed after a fight for a veto by the governor. This bill states that no more than 10% of the ROP population can be adults. If the number of adult participants is greater than 10% the programs would no longer be funded by the state. At Grossmont College the adult population in these programs is 98%, therefore the state would no longer support the following programs:

1) Ortho Tech
2) Emergency dispatch
3) Security Academy
4) EKG
5) Anesthesia
6) Medical Office Administrative Assistant
7) Culinary Arts
8) Group Home Training
9) Insurance Services
10) Web Design
11) Personal Trainer

There are many positive reasons to continue these programs even though there will be no funding. They provide the college with 260 FTE’s, there is no cost for equipment, operating costs are less, the classes have already been approved by the curriculum committee, the classes are staffed on campus already, and they provide employees for the community.

There is $420,000 available to spend on these programs. These are surplus funds and can be spent more globally than just for the ROP programs. Tina explained the funds should be spent at the proper time when it is most beneficial for Grossmont College. The college should use these funds starting with the 09/10 school year.

The ROP faculty members have all gone through the process of hire at Grossmont and meet the minimum qualifications to continue teaching. They will go through the tenure process which some have already begun.

Once the ROP conversion is complete Carry Clay will move to another area. Debbie Yaddow will continue her position of Associate Dean of Nursing, with Carry Clay heading up all other health programs.

This has been approved through Grossmont College and will now move to the Board for their approval.

C. Plus-Minus Grade Implementation

Brad Tiffany asked the senate for approval on implementing a one year transition period for the plus-minus grade implementation. This would be a difficult transition by the fall of ’08 and Brad feels the college would be more prudent to wait until the fall of ’09 when this can be put in to the catalog, where students can have a full understanding of the grading system. There was a suggestion from the floor to give approval for this request [Sheridan deWolf suggested that the Senate approve the postponement of the implementation of the grading system for up to one year, as needed by A&R], though there was no quorum and a motion could not be made. The
request of a one year transition period was tabled until further discussion could take place with motions from the floor.

Brad Tiffany explained he is the custodian of records and whatever the Academic Senate decides they would like, he will do the best he can to accommodate their wishes.

D. Close Nominations for Senate Officer-at-Large Replacement

Nominations are:
  1) Jennifer Carmean
  2) Devon Atchison

No more nominations were added.

E. State Senate Plenary Session Report

Postponed

F. Basic Skills Plan Update

Postponed

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SLOs – Chuck Passentino and Devon Atchison

Chuck Passentino reported that a set of GE SLOs had been drafted and, as soon as the Curriculum Committee commenced meeting, would move through that body and the Academic Senate for comment, editing and approval. He also spoke about the workshops that he had put together for different areas, such as the Foreign Languages department, to help them with moving forward on SLOs. Tina Pitt added that any department that wanted to move forward with SLOs during work-to-contract could possibly receive funding for adjuncts to do so.

Devon Atchison reported on the ACCJC/WASC Progress Report that was sent out last Friday. This Progress Report listed Grossmont’s progress regarding GE SLOs, Course SLOs, Program-level SLOs and Instructional Service/Student Service Outcomes.

- GE SLOs: drafts of these have been created and await review and approval; we were able to report that 100% of our GE courses have GE SLOs applied. Additionally, we have mapped these GE SLOs to our Institutional SLOs (ISLOs).
- Course SLOs: we moved from 0.08% of Course SLOs completed to 16.6% completed, though our progress beyond this will be limited while work-to-contract goes on. Once that is resolved, we hope to move forward quickly with completing Course SLOs for all courses and begin assessment cycles.
- Program-level SLOs: 81% of our Programs have identified SLOs; we’ll need to begin the process of moving these toward mapping and assessment before the October progress report.
- Instructional Service/Student Service Outcomes: We have made substantial progress in these areas, with 50% of IS and 100% of SS outcomes completed; assessment in these areas has already begun or will commence in the Fall.

Tina Pitt stressed that though we made good progress on this report, the real one to worry about is the October progress report, during which we should be demonstrating that we’ve moved into assessment and implementation stages. Many Senators questioned whether the district understood that without SLO progress we might see WASC place a “warning” on our district re: accreditation.
IV. ACTION ITEMS

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

   1) Associate Professor
      • Shirley Pereira
      • Paul Vincent
   2) Professor
      • Susan Working
      • James B. Papageorge
      • Beth Smith
      • Mary Rider
      • Malia E.F. Serrano
      • Jeff Lehman
      • Kathy Meyer
      • Sue Gonda

VI. OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*The next meeting will be on May 5, 2008.

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