I. CALL TO ORDER (11:05 am)

Chris welcomed everyone back and thanked them for a job well done. She said the attendance for Grossmont College this semester is at record levels with 19,500+ students. She also introduced Diana Routhieaux as the part-time temporary secretary of the Academic Senate.

A. Public Comment
None

B. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made to approve the day’s agenda.
M/S/U Wirig / Fielden
C. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2008
A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2008 meeting.
M/S/U Atchison / Montejano

II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Osher Foundation Presentation
Ernie Ewin gave a brief Osher Foundation presentation and handed donation forms. He said the Grossmont College Foundation has already met two of $20,000 thresholds, thus providing for $1000 scholarships for students who qualify for waiver fees and have completed 24 units.

Ernie asked the faculty to consider donating $24 a month for 24 months. The money will be matched to help fund up to 55 individual $1000 scholarships in perpetuity. Donations can be made in lump sum or via payroll deductions. All donation information is kept confidential. Forms will be put in everyone’s mailbox and e-mailed out for convenience.

B. Announcements
According to Robert’s Rules of Order only yes and no votes are counted. Abstaining votes are not counted, but can become a matter of record if the individual voter requests it. Copies of the most commonly-used motions were handed out to the new members.

Chris showed the photo card that the Associated Students sent to extend their holiday wishes for the Academic Senate. She said this ASGC board is a hard working group of students.

T. Ford, one of the counselors, has been nominated for the statewide Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award. Chris also listed the upcoming statewide academic institutes. She mentioned that the Vocational Institute in March is essentially free and encouraged vocational faculty to register and attend.

Chris updated everyone on the parking situation, thanked everyone who parks at Gillespie Field, and encouraged others to do the same. The efforts help provide parking spaces on campus for the 19,500+ students. In response to a question regarding student parking at Gillespie, Chris indicated that student workers may park there as well. She also provided an update on the smoking ban on campus.

All departments were asked to update their senate membership and were encouraged to appoint part-time faculty to fill senator seats.

Chris reviewed upcoming agenda items, including the Senate Officer election. All officers are elected for two (2) year terms. Nominations will open at the next Senate meeting.

She announced the schedule of senate meetings for the months of February and March. Academic Senate will only meet once in February due to the holidays and 3 times in March. Equivalency issues were also reviewed. There is a February 20 deadline to turn in the unfinished discipline equivalencies.

Chris also mentioned that results of the accreditation follow-up report and visit were expected at the end of January and would be reported at the next meeting.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Devon Atchison reported that SLOs for 90% of the courses were written. The deadline for submitting assessment plans is February 9th. An Excel spreadsheet will be posted after all the
IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Part-time Senate Representation

Chris reviewed the proposed part-time representation changes with everyone. Chris and Laura Burger met with the part-timers. The proposed process for selecting part-time is similar to the department process by eliminating the two at-large part-time, two-year terms and replacing them with six divisional part-time senators. They would be selected to a one-year term by their part-time peers during fall flex-week division meetings with a one year term. If necessary, vacancies could be filled through a similar process during spring flex week.

Any changes to the Academic Senate Constitution have to be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Senators and put on the ballot during the Spring semester for voting. Chris asked for a motion to approve the proposed constitutional changes.

M/S Willard / Atchison Passed with 44 yes and 3 no votes.

After some discussion a motion was made and amended to approve the adjustments to the By-Laws, with the understanding that the changes to the By-Laws would only take place only if the faculty as a whole approve the Constitutional changes during the regular election.

M/S/P Mullen /Burger

C. BP/AP 7111 – College President Evaluation

This action item was presented as information at the final meeting of the fall 2008 semester. One of the accreditation recommendations was the development of a process for evaluation of the college president, as well as processes for the selection of, and delegation of authority to, the college president. A motion was made to adopt the proposed language of administrative procedure to the College President Evaluation. Several changes were suggested and added to the language including a minimum list of people who should be included in the development and implementation of the feedback mechanism or tool.

M/S/U DeWolf / Wirig

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CH:dr

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Proposal to accept International Baccalaureate (IB) courses for General Education and Baccalaureate Credit

Grossmont College grants credit towards its Associate Degrees and fulfillment of transfer requirements for successful completion of Advanced Placement Examinations offered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Many public and private universities in the United States also award baccalaureate credit to students who successfully complete International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school. Like most high school districts, the GUHSD provides students with an opportunity to participate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for Universities & Colleges as well as the Advanced Placement Examination.

The system-wide California State University and University of California award baccalaureate credit for Advanced Placement Examinations and IB Higher Level Examinations. Grossmont College students who have earned AP credit are able to clear general education requirements on the CSU Breadth or IGETC lower-division general education transfer pattern. The University Transfer Center and Counseling Department proposes that the Grossmont College Academic Senate consider also accepting successful completion of IB Higher Level Examinations to meet Associate Degree and transfer requirements.