MEETING ATTENDANCE:

GUESTS:
- Janet Castanos-Acting VP Academic Affairs
- Sue Gonda, Acting Dean- English, Social and Behavioral Sciences

RECORER: Rochelle Weiser

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:05)

A. Public Comment

None

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the day’s agenda.
M/S/U Fieldon/Feres

II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None
III. Committee Reports

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Add Code/Wait List modification

Chris began by reviewing the Add Code/Wait List modification document. She reviewed what was currently being used and the new options. She then opened the options for discussion. Much discussion occurred. Some of the areas of concern were: what happens to a student who doesn’t respond to the enrollment option- do they drop to bottom of the waitlist, what happens if a student is on waitlists for courses with conflicting times. Many Senators mentioned they had polled their students; students did not like current system and liked the option of the waitlist being available from the first day of registration. Brian reiterated that once an option is chosen, then the details regarding length of time to respond, what happens with no response, etc…. will be worked out. Another area of concern was with the add code being required from the first day of class and concern that this would create a problem for courses trying to reach their minimums. This also included a concern about courses that begin the Saturday after the first Monday of classes. More discussion occurred. Chris then entertained a motion to end debate.

M/S/U Dudley/Sim

Chris then asked would the Senators like to have each option presented as a motion or have a straw vote. In the interest of time a straw vote was agreed to. The first item voted on was the registration option; auto register or e-mail notification. The majority favored the auto register option. Discussion occurred regarding the add code portion. It was clarified that if they choose to have add codes required from the first day of class this would require add codes for all classes, even those that are not full. An item of concern was the ability to fill classes that have not met the minimum requirements i.e. the students cannot enroll themselves and must receive an add code on the first day of class but often discussion is already occurring as to whether or not to cancel the course. It was also clarified that if the add code requirement needed to be changed it could be done. Chris then asked the Senators to vote, by standing, on option B-1 then B-2 respectively. Option B-1 was the majority; Chris will carry option B-1 forward to DCEC as the Academic Senate’s choice.

The question was asked when it will be implemented; Brian reported that it had to come forward from Cuyamaca as well and then be discussed at DCEC prior to implementing.

Chris noted that the discussions regarding concern over the cancellation of classes was one that needed to be deferred to occur within departments involving chairs and coordinators, department deans, and faculty.

B. Resolution in support of the CFT March

Chris presented the Resolution in support of the CFT March. She then asked for a motion to put the Resolution on the table.

M/S/U Robinson/Dudley

Chris asked Greg to give the background on the resolution and then opened the item for discussion. Some concerns were; whether or not the Academic Senate should be involved in political items; concern that the language of the resolution states “we want” these items as opposed to “we support” these items. Chris noted that the statewide Academic Senate participates in political discussions in Sacramento and the Senate is very much involved in advocacy. She also noted that due to the timing of the march and the next Senate meeting the
two options available would be to rework the resolution, thereby waiting to give support, or to vote on the Resolution as it stands. Some discussion occurred that by endorsing the march, the Senate would be endorsing all the items listed and not all may be in agreement with that. Chris clarified that the item referring to a “free public education” was in reference to the Education Master Plan and the fact it has not been reviewed in 40+ years and they are in support of reviewing it. The option was reviewed to have the Resolution be reworked or stand as is for a vote; it was decided to vote as it stands.

Chris then called for the question to pass the resolution.
In Favor-34
Opposed-10
Abstained-8
Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45pm
Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2010.

CH: rw

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