# Academic Senate
## Grossmont College

**Minutes of the Academic Senate – February 6, 2012**

**GUESTS:**
- Barbara Blanchard, VP Academic Affairs
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 Lambe/Milroy

C. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2011 and January 30, 2012.
   M/S/U Carmean/Braswell-Burris
   Sue noted the priority registration highlights included in the December minutes; as well as clarified the committee needs that were included in the January minutes.

II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Sue Gonda

- Sue reported on the Grossmont College Wellness initiative. The Wellness website is available to employees: http://www.grossmont.edu/wellness/. Note the fee-based courses and group activities available to GC employees—with the exception of the Yoga class, they’ve had been postponed until mid-semester.
- The faculty will be receiving information from GC President Sunny Cooke regarding an upcoming student survey. GC will be participating in a survey administered through the Community College Student Survey of Student Engagement organization (CCSSE) www.ccsse.org/. The data collected from the survey will be used in the accreditation process as well as in the planning processes. CCSSE has a random sampling of approximately 120 course sections; the survey will take students approximately 50 minutes to complete. Faculty will be notified if their section has been selected around March 1, and they have between 3/5 and 4/27 to administer it, thus giving faculty time to plan their course material around that 50-minute period. The survey has been used by other colleges and GC would like to implement an annual student survey. It was noted that online courses. In addition, faculty will receive a survey about student engagement as well. Senators could contact Barbara Blanchard with any questions they had regarding the survey.

III. COMMITTEES
   None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Senate Officer Replacement
   The replacement officer election would take place via the mailroom ballot box prior to the next Senate meeting, March 5.

B. BP/AP 4300 Instructional Field Trips and other Student Travel
   Sue asked for a motion to put the both BP 4300 and AP 4300 on the table.
   M/S Sim/Wirig
Sue reviewed BP 4300 and the changes to the document. The following changes were made;

- The “strike through” of the first sentence of the first paragraph was an editing mistake and should remain in the document.
- The “strike through” of the first sentence of the third paragraph was an editing mistake and should remain in the document.

Sue reviewed AP 4300 and the changes that had been made to the document. It was clarified that both documents referred to class field trips, field courses, and team or performing arts events and off-campus alternate meeting locations; not class assignments/home work when students to visit places off campus as individuals.

Sue called for the question.

**Motion Passed**

**C. Charge for the Academic Senate Part-Time Faculty Committee**

Sue asked for a motion to put the charge document on the table.

**M/S Milroy/Lambe**

Sue reviewed the charge document and the changes made to it. The following changes were added;

- Remove the last bullet item in the Composition section; redundant.
- Add “Allied Health” to the Math, Natural Sciences, Exercise Science and Wellness Division
- Under the notes section, add “Minutes to be sent to all Part-Time faculty.

Some discussion occurred regarding the number of possible department representatives (45), and the possibility of having a very large committee; the Part-Time Senators realize not all are able to attend the meetings due to the nature of being a Part-Time faculty member, but would like the committee to be as inclusive as possible and allow voting privileges to those that are able to attend as department representatives. Sue also noted that the committee is an advisory committee to the Senate, versus a policy-setting body.

Mark Goodman called for the question.

**Motion Passed**

**D. District’s Educational Master Plan**

Sue asked for a motion to put the District Educational Master Plan on the table.

**M/S Braswell-Burris/Lambe**

Sue reviewed the District’s Educational Master Plan and the five areas of focus. The plan covers a fifteen-year span by looking at local trends and demographics. The EMP includes separate plans for the District and each of the two Colleges. Individuals from all three sites participated in the making of the EMP, including faculty, staff, administrators and students. It connects with GC’s Strategic Plan and departments’ individual six- and one-year plans. Individual department’s changing trends and needs (e.g., technology changes) are still dealt with in a department’s six year and annual plans.

Sue called for the question.

**Motion passed**
V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Institutional Excellence Council
Sue reviewed the charge for GC’s Institutional Excellence Council, noting that it had previously been a working task force. It was reviewed by ADSOC to and made a permanent council to guide planning and review processes. It is not a Senate body, so there is no need for a vote, but is coming for information. It was noted that the composition could change with the re-structure of Student Services.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 pm
Next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2012 at Griffin Gate 11:00-12:20pm

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