

Skyline College Council
May 27, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lori Adrian, Mauricio Flores-Hernandez, Linda Herda, Ray Hernandez, Sandra Hsu, Adolfo Leiva, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud. Recorder: Linda Bertellotti

Absent: Brittany Piccolotti

Review of Minutes of April

The minutes were approved as written.

Budget update

Vicki reported that the College Budget Committee will be meeting over the summer and the District Committee on Budget and Finance (DCBF) will meet if needed. The Chancellor is convening a meeting to strategize over the summer, but no big decision-making will take place until the colleges' shared governance groups meet in the fall. The district range of cuts is 10% to 25%. It is possible that the state will adopt a 2009-10 budget that would make cuts to both 2008-09 and 2009-10. Skyline has one-time money and that may get the college to the 10% level. The district and colleges are in a managed hiring process. Positions at all three colleges have been identified for defunding, people whose positions have been defunded have been notified and there will be a job fair. The goal is to find landing places for those people in defunded positions. Ray said from a faculty position, the Academic Senate will be proactive. There was a discussion about load and enrollment. Skyline's enrollment goals are tied to what could be funded by the state. So the state would lower the growth and the college will level off. Kathy Blackwood is running the numbers in case the district moves into Basic Aid, which puts a floor under the budget loss. The colleges are trying to figure out ways to do things cost effectively and minimize the impact to students. Vicki said this will be a multi-year situation. Kathy will continue to provide budget updates over the summer. Sandra said the importance of a college education may be newly appreciated and valued.

District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) update

- Ray said there was a presentation about a bill proposed by the Chancellor that would offer baccalaureate degrees within the San Mateo Community College district and there is a feasibility study that may happen. They are hoping to serve more students by offering this. Ray talked to the Chancellor about the Respiratory Therapy program. Adolfo said the SMCCCD could do this because there is no public four-year institution in San Mateo County.
- Barbara Christensen presented selected Rules and Regulations from Chapters 2 and 7. The committee approved those Rules and Regulations designed to align with Title V, those designed to meet the accreditation teams' recommendations and those where names were updated or corrected. The remainder were sent back to the constituencies for consideration and will be discussed again by the DSGC in the fall. Adolfo extracted the information and will forward it to the council.

- Plus/Minus grading was also discussed and 69% of faculty support it, while students wholeheartedly oppose it at all three colleges. Ray said there is a pilot that will start in the fall. He asked that the communication also include the Vice Presidents of Instruction.

Proposed name change for the Gallery Theatre and the Main Theater

Vicki distributed a proposal from the Social Science/Creative Arts Division to rename the Gallery Theatre to Gallery and the Main Theater to Theater. The council approved the proposal. Lori said it will make it less confusing now for the college and community.

Other news

- Compressed calendar: Adolfo distributed a synopsis of the last district compressed calendar meeting, which included the rationale and process, a timeline and a feasibility study assignment. He outlined the workgroups, description, and work group members, who are considered the lead people on the task force. It will be reviewed over the summer and next steps will be determined when the group meets in September. At Skyline, the compressed calendar survey went out and there were 170 respondents. The other colleges will implement the same survey. Regina said Jing Luan and Patty Dilko met with the Vice Presidents and all of the VPIs and VPSSs gave feedback and made suggestions and asked if it is feasible based on the buildings on the campuses. The methodology and analytical process needs to be a part of the timeline. Lori would like for the results to be presented to the Educational Services Council before they go to the board. Ray said the Academic Senate talked about it and liked the Consumnes River College study and Regina suggested they go there and check it out. The other recommendation was for the shared governance representatives to be given specific information and questions that could be shared with their constituencies. The Sharepoint site for the project lists other colleges that have done work around it. Some programs cannot be done with a compressed calendar so they would not be on it. The program faculty needs to look at their program to see how it would be affected by a compressed calendar.
- ASSC elections: Denisse Gonzalez will be the ASSC president for 2009-10. She was unable to attend College Council, but Mauricio talked to her about it. He named the other ASSC officers. The selection of the new student trustee will take place at the end of the month. He thanked the council members for their support.
- Academic Senate Appointments: Ray announced the following one-year assignments. The Academic Senate may invite the coordinators to make peer reports at their meetings:
 - Nina Floro, Faculty Staff Professional Development Coordinator
 - Melissa Komadina, On Course Coordinator
 - Michael Hoffman, ACS Coordinator
 - David Hasson, Contextualized Learning Initiative Coordinator
 - Virginia Padron, CSI Counseling Coordinator

Next meeting: August 26, 2009