



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, September 8th, 2016 1:00 p.m. Board Room

ATTENDANCE

Senators

Eyob Wallano
Jerome Evans
Andree Valdry
Mandeda Uch
Nikki Williams
Paul Flor
Kent Schwitkis
Christopher Halligan
Shirley Thomas
Annaruth Garcia
Mahbub Khan
Vanessa Haynes

Visitors

Katherine Marsh
Jessie Mills
Hassan Elfarissi
Aurora Cortez-Perez
Ruth Roach
Amber Gillis

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 1:10 p.m.- Meeting started
1:45 p.m. official call to order time with quorum
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Halligan/Evans- Approved
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Evans/Halligan- Approved

IV. **REPORTS**

President's Report- Paul Flor reporting.

- **Orientation- What is Academic Senate?**
 - Introduction of new senators.
 - ASCCC- Overview. Discussed Academic Senate authority. We are governed by the state.
 - 10+1 are listed on the back of your membership card. They go over what Academic Senate purview is. Senate makes recommendations to the college. Curry stated that one of the things that needs to be discussed in this area is Senates input on faculty going on sabbatical. Flor discussed how Senate and Union are two organizations that are allowed to intermingle with each other. There can be an overlap in the areas that each of the groups cover. Administrators are not on Academic Senate. We are comprised of faculty. The roster with senators was shown with term end dates. We may need to revisit the structure of the distribution of the senators since we have new hires in different areas; such as the new faculty that were hired in Cosmetology.
 - Flor covered the Academic Senate attendance policy to ensure that all senators are following the policy and coming to meetings.
- Introduction of Academic Senators and members.
- There is a new Community College Chancellor and he is asking for major changes with the ACCJC.

- Flor would like us to entertain the idea of inviting ASB to attend our meetings to open the communication between both groups.
- Senate Office is located in G-36.
- Reviewed the institutional standing committees and their membership. Faculty will now co-chair these to help lead the meetings as well as take minutes. It would be great to have more faculty to distribute responsibilities of these committees. The names of the committee members are the voting members, but any faculty can attend the meetings.
- Announced upcoming events which can be found in the packet.
- Discussed the BOG fee waiver- this semester is the where the new changes will take effect. We really need to make students aware of this. This may affect our student enrollment. We may see a drop of 12% of students because of the new requirements. Haynes stated that counseling is asking faculty that we allow counselors into the classroom to do brief presentations about this information. Haynes is encouraging faculty to send students to get Ed Plans and talk with their counselors. Counselors can come into the classroom and make presentations- send an email to one of them and they will set it up.

Vice President- Chris Halligan reporting.

- Spoke about FACCC- Stated that he has been elected to the Board of Governors. Discussed the new fee increase and why it was implemented. A new flyer will be coming out to discuss why the fees were increased. There has not been an increase in 10 years and this one was heavily discussed. Faculty can now get hotel discounts with HotelStorm providing a 60% discount on hotel rooms using the website as well as the passcode FACCMEMBER.
- Discussed what FACCC is and who comprises the organization as well as the subcommittees.
- FACCC is really pushing Prop 51 and Prop 55 (discussed what each of the propositions means).

Board Representative – Jerome Evans reporting

- Time for the annual Latino Heritage Celebration.
 - Evans will be coming around in the next weeks to solicit donations for the book fair.
 - The calendar of events will come out in the next week.

Accreditation: Amber Gillis reporting.

- There is an Accreditation teams meeting Friday September 16, 2016 from 8:30-12pm in the Student Lounge.
- Our editor has been working on the document and he has made some great changes.

V. ACTION ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed Senate goals for 2016-1017
 - We should consider this a 1st read and come back at the next meeting to discuss this.
 - Assembly Bill 1690- is on the Governor's desk and is important for part-time faculty.
 - Attached to the packet you can find the minutes for the Consultative Council Committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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VII. Information- Discussion Items

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VIII. Events/Meetings

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MOTION TO ADJOURN – Halligan/Evans Approved – 2:22 p.m.