



## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 1:00 p.m. Board Room

### ATTENDANCE

<u>Senators</u>	<u>Visitors</u>
Eyob Wallano	Celia Arroyo
Jerome Evans	Jose Bernaudo
Andree Valdry	Roza Ekimyan
Mandeda Uch	Shemiran Lazar
Nikki Williams	Ikaweba Bunting
Paul Flor	James Lopez Jr.
Kent Schwitkis	Holly Schumacher
Christopher Halligan	Carlos Maruri
Annaruth Garcia	Liza Rios
Mahbub Khan	Amber Gillis
Vanessa Haynes	Roza Ekimyan
Essie French-Preston	Minodora Moldoveanu
David McPatchell	David Maruyama
	Silvia Arroyo
	Amankwa McKinzie
	Mohammad Khalilzadeh
	Rashid Yayhe

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Paul Flor 1:05 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Evans/ Schwitkis- Approved
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Valdry/Wallano-Approved

#### IV. **REPORTS**

**President's Report-** Paul Flor reporting.

- 3 Board Policies on curriculum were approved by the board of trustees. This means we can assemble the curriculum advisory group and can begin drafting the curriculum handbook. French-Preston has drafted an outline of the handbook and it will be shared later.
- There is a curriculum meeting of the Academic Senate at Mt. SAC and a few faculty members have signed up to attend.
- Included in the packet is information on the Compton curriculum committee proposal. This is just a proposal for when we move ahead with the committee.
- There are workshops that are in the packet that we should consider attending.
- State wide Academic Senate has asked local presidents to ask faculty to apply for the empty state seats.

**Vice President's Report-** Christopher Halligan reporting.

- FAAAC- This is a huge election. Make sure that you are paying attention to the propositions. We really need Prop 55 to pass.

- The next board meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and the major topic of discussion is the ACCJC and ensuring that the Chancellor's Office is following up on the ACCJC and holding them accountable.
- FAAAC applications are available today to anyone who would like to sign up to be a member. If you would like to do any committee work with FAAAC please let Halligan know and he will help you find a committee. FAAAC is a very strong supporter of Compton College and what we are going through.

#### **Board Representative – Jerome Evans reporting**

- Thanked everyone for their book fair participation. Almost \$1550 was collected and more than 500 books were distributed. Latino Heritage was a success and it was thanks to everyone's support.
- November 8-13- Students will be attending the HBCU tour.
- A handout has been given to pass out to students about the scholarships available at Compton.
- Consultative Council announced that Molina Healthcare will hopefully open in January.
- Compton's 90<sup>th</sup> celebration committee is underway. Liza Rios spoke and asked for suggestions on planning the festivities. She encouraged us to include students in the process. Flor stated that the institution has committed to fund up to \$50,000 for the celebration and any suggestions should be forwarded to Rios.

#### **Accreditation: Amber Gillis reporting.**

- None

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Educational Task Force-** Bernaudo stated that the union has voted unanimously to not support the task force. The Union has deemed the task force unethical. Bunting has asked if we can access the report put out by the Educational Task Force online. Yayhe stated that he emailed the report to the body and it can be emailed again. Flor stated that he is happy to share the data that he processed. Uch state that this is third time that we have brought this issue to Senate to discuss this and we need to be in solidarity with the Union. Uch moves that the faculty and Academic Senate no longer participate in the Educational Task on the grounds of ethical issues: violation of the union contract with the creation and implementation of the action plan, the numbers are not in the reports to support the task force findings, and administration are not being held accountable for recruitment .  
Dscussion: Barb stated what her history was as Academic Senate President. She stated that there are some things that faculty must participate in or we abdicate our role. There are times when Academic Senate and Union will not be in accord. We have student enrollment that brings students on campus but we are not able to recruit students for specific programs- this is the job of the individual departments to reach out to students and get them enrolled. We have responsibilities that are above 33.75 hours of work a week. We are technically professionals which means that we have responsibilities. Many of these programs did not do program review to help fix these programs before this point. We have two roles, one is to participate in the process of consultation. Union's legal representation told them that they should not participate. As senators, it is our responsibility to deal with this issue. Yahye stated that this administration wants to close these programs no matter how you put it. The President and CEO got a four year

contract and if he wants us to work with the task force then they should work with us with a four year contract to bring the programs up.

Bunting addressed the way that the proposal is worded. The motion should read that the Senate should be coinciding with what the representative body (union) has already decided. It is up the counselors to hustle the programs. Enrollment rests with administrators and is very low and then the responsibility is placed on the counselors and faculty which in turn brings a huge disconnect between the two. Bunting gave an example of how this can be a conflict to the faculty. Mohsen Sahebame spoke stated that he teaches computer information systems and that Barbara Perez does not know what is happening on campus. Sahebame stated that his program has participated in program review and it keeps getting kicked back by Dr. Murry and has not been allowed the program review to go forward. The dean of their area is one that uses the f-word with his employees. Sahebame has been dealing with prostate cancer and could not come on Mondays and Wednesdays so it was requested that the meetings for program review take place on Tuesday and Thursday so that Sahebame can participate and on top of that, he has to teach 5 days out of the week. There are several instances that Sahebame can prove that Perez has accused him of certain acts that are proven to be false and that apologies were never made. Sahebame asked where this bias is coming from. Flor stated that he can certainly empathize with Sahebame and other colleagues who go through this and this is certainly a work condition issue. Flor stated that he is reminding the body that the motion on the floor is combining union and senate. The motion on the floor needs to remove the union component. We need to remember what the role of Academic Senate is. Bernaudo- would like to address Perez's response and stated that we have to realize that the task force is a deception and the purpose of it is to layoff and close programs. We can change the wording of the motion but the senate can stop this task force.

Amended the original motion to read: The senate supports the union's position on the educational task force that the faculty will no longer participate with this task force due to serious ethical issues. Anna Ruth Garcia seconded. Senators must stand for their vote. 5 senators in support- 6 senators not supporting 2 abstentions- abstentions count as votes against. The motion does not pass.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Distance Education compliance- Paul Flor discussed the desire to form a committee on campus that will address the issue of faculty engagement in online classes. Nikki Williams discussed the desire to get a committee started in the next two weeks comprised of current online teaching faculty as well as faculty interested in teaching online. The purpose of this group is to come up with a campus checklist of what constitutes meaningful contact with students, ensure that all faculty understand what meaningful contact is, and ensure that all Etudes sites are adhering to this. This is of two-fold importance for faculty to have clarity on this issue and have specific state guidelines to follow and for administrators to have this checklist to use when checking Etudes sites and performing evaluation reviews. This will ensure that everyone is on the same page.
- Perez talked about the difference between correspondence and distance education courses and the need to get this done as soon as possible. When ACCJC comes in, they will have access to all of the shells and we are not doing a very good job in this area.

- Flor stated that the desire is to create an ad hoc committee that will address the issues of faculty participation, potentially have some uniformity with meaningful contact, and will be faculty driven.
- Schwitkis made a motion that we create a distance education sub-committee to address the issues of meaningful contact. Motion passes unanimously.

**VII. Information- Discussion Items**

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**VIII. Events/Meetings**

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN – Halligan/Evans- Approved –2:06 p.m.**