



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, October 4th, 2018 1:00 p.m. Board Room

Attendance

Senators

Jerome Evans
Paul Flor
Amber Gillis
Hoa Pham
Vanessa Haynes
Mahbub Khan
Jesse Mills
Minodora Moldoveanu
Kent Schwitkis
Holly Schumacher
Rajinder Sidhu
Shirley Thomas
Andree Valdry
Nikki Williams
Stephanie Atkinson-Alston

Visitors

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Amber Gillis 1:09 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –Approved- J. Evans/K. Schwitkis
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Approved- K. Schwitkis/ J. Mills

IV. **REPORTS**

President's Report- Amber Gillis reporting.

- High School Partnership Meeting- They discussed the Early College program and the different classes that students are taking as well as some of the problems that we have encountered. Many students are not following their educational plan. Students are dropping their courses and they are hanging out on campus. We need to make sure that we are keeping our rosters clean and accurate. There are communication problems with the early college high schools and our representatives and this is something that R. Bell is also looking at and making sure that K. Curry is aware of this. V. Haynes is the counselor for the early college students so we can reach out to her in case there are specific issues with these students. Compton Unified School District wants to talk to Senate about the textbooks and keeping the same text books for several years. Lynwood's meeting was very interesting. They have 9 CTE pathways. The biggest takeaway is that they really want to increase access to classes starting in 9th grade. They would like to partner with us on this and not with East Los Angeles College.
- Thank you for those that went to the tenure reception. It was nice. A couple of faculty were not able to make it, but we made sure that they were able to enjoy the food. We already have a

date set for next year. We want to make sure that we increase participation next year. This is not about administration and we want to celebrate our fellow faculty. V. Haynes asked about the regalia that was given and it was explained that it is a gift for the tenured faculty.

- Updated on the opening of the health center. November 15, 2018 is the tentative opening pending board approval. They are starting by opening 32 hours a week and will eventually move to 40 hours. There are some other things that are being worked out such as mental health services in Spanish.
- Linda Owens gave Consultative Council an update on construction. With the dismantling of the buildings, critters will come out. Western Extermination comes out every Friday to treat. If you have a problem in your class or office, please email L. Owens immediately and maintenance has stated that they will take care of the problem immediately. Please close doors in the classrooms when you are leaving and encourage students to use the trash receptacles outside.
- Gear Up Grant- This is a 7 year grant for about \$5.5 million and involves UCI, Compton Unified, and Compton College. This is for junior high students to help reduce dropout rates. They will be following a cohort of about 1,000 students. We applied for a second grant for about \$4million that will be in partnership with California State University Dominguez Hills. It is not quite clear what the grant money is specifically to be used for.

Vice President- Jesse Mills reporting.

- College Council at ECC- Discussion about the recommendation to their board about discontinuing a program. It is important to take a look at how they are making this recommendation. They have been collecting data for 10 years. They do not have the space nor the resources to be able to develop the program. They realized that there are other surrounding schools that can provide these services better. One of the interesting aspects was that there are students that are enrolled in the program and the question is what to do with these students and how they are going to work to help with making sure that these students have another path to complete the program. It was nice to see that this was a data driven consultation. They did not make the decision lightly. It is good to use this as a model for when we are thinking about discontinuing a program.

Board Representative – Jerome Evans reporting.

- Consultative Council- A memo was presented and included in the packet. Every 3 sessions, L. Owens comes with an update. Owens stated that when instructional building 2 goes up, there will be problems with noise. If you are in the row buildings when they are coming down, there will be tremors.
- Latino Heritage Month- An informational sheet was distributed for the book fair. The colored brochure that was passed out is for all of the events that will take place this month.

Education Task Force: Dr. Stephanie Atkinson-Alston reporting.

- This task force does not make recommendations for discontinuance of programs. They only make recommendations on staffing, resources, and scheduling. Video, film, music, and dance were looked at in the 17-18 cycle (music was recommended to continue on). The task force will be working with English faculty to help develop film and video.
- Students are concerned that faculty members are missing their classes. It is only the 6th week and we need to make sure that we are not missing classes. Another aspect is we are awarding

grades according to how many class periods that faculty are holding. We need to make sure that students are getting all of the information because we could get fined.

- Discussed the AR that refers to concurrent enrollment and shared verbiage that can be used to take classes here. There is a process already in place and as long as the students are enrolled in a pathway then they should be able to enroll.

V. ACTION ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Administrative Procedure from the last meeting- Discussion followed about the wording “may be selected from another local, accredited college.” How do we feel about including wording that allows people from other colleges? Further discussion. K. Schwitkis/ J. Mills motion to approve the three AP. Vote taken and the motion carries.
- All of our courses have been approved through their process. The Banner system will not allow some of the course numbers to be completely placed in. There will now be a notation included since Banner has a character limit and does not allow for all of the information to be included.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Smith discussed the Author’s at Compton event with author Jimmy Santiago Baca. He will be speaking in the Little Theater on October 11, 2018.
- Jimmy Santiago Baca would like to do a separate discussion with FIST students and B. Smith is appealing to professor’s to allow some of the students to miss their morning class. He is an excellent speaker and is really funny. A. Gillis will send the flyer out.
- Lauren Sosenco discussed Institutional Set Standards and Goals. This is a study by the Bill Gates foundation to study community college completion. We are using this framework because it is student centered. This will help us bring some clarity to some of our planning processes. She has mapped some of our institutional goals and standards. What she would like is to get a vote on this. These are pretty mild and moderate knowing the transitions that we will be going through over the next year. We set very conservative goals and this is something that can be revisited at the planning summit in November. We will be using our scorecard to look at what we will be planning for the future. P. Flor brought up discussion about having thresholds on the front end since this is something that we can control rather than at the back end when there is not very much that we can do at that point. If these standards are something that we are interested in having, then this is something that we can certainly visit this year. We do really need to work on entry and progress in order to be able to make a change. L. Sosenco would like our endorsement on this. H. Pham/J. Evans motion to accept or adopt the Institutional Set Standards and Goals. Vote taken and the motion carries with one abstention, S. Thomas.
- A. Gillis handed out the goals sheet. H. Pham asked about including information directly into the goal about what AB 705 is. Will now include the titles of AB 705 and AB 208. Discussion followed about each of the goals. We will continue with the goals at our next meeting.

VII. Information- Discussion Items

VIII. Events/Meetings

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Approved – 2:32 p.m.