



• A C A D E M I C • S E N A T E •
M I N U T E S

Thursday, January 28, 2016
2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Room E-106

Present: Alicia Munoz (President), Paul Carmona (Vice President), Michael Aubry, Lindy Brazil, Claudia Cuz-Flores, Daniel Curtis, Courtney Hammond, Raad Jerjis, Kristin McGregor, Angela Nesta, Kathryn Nette, Donna Riley, Patricia Santana, Seth Slater, Robert Stafford, Joe Young.

Absent:

Others: Amaliya Blyumin, Jeri Edelen, Jodi Reed, Bonnie Schmiede, Noha Ireiqat

The Senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action." In accordance to the Ralph M. Brown Act guidelines, Senators voting "nay" or abstaining will be identified. All other present members will be assumed to have voted "aye."

CALL TO ORDER: Alicia Muñoz, President called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 12, 2015 minutes were approved with amendments. (M/S Nesta/Curtis. 4 abstentions: Hammond, Asher-Fitzpatrick, Aubry, Riley). Alicia made one correction to the agenda: "Academic Renewal Policy" is on the agenda as an action item, but it is really an information item.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A college team is busy working on developing the Achieving the Dream Initiative implementation plan. The team will travel to Atlanta to attend the Achieving the Dream (ATD) Institute in February. ATD coaches will visit our campus again in April. The goal is to link the ATD work with the College's Strategic Plan. A team of faculty and administrators will attend a training workshop on February 16 on preparing a successful application for the Basic Skills Student Success Transformation Grant. College enrollment is healthy, and it is clear the college will meet its 3% growth goal.

III. Vice President's Report - SOC Committee Appointments – Dorian Yanke has been appointed to the Technology Planning Committee. Faculty members have been appointed to Counselor and Instructional Operations Supervisor search committees. The Senate Officers are working on filling the vacant positions in IPRPC and Student Success & Equity Committee.

IV. Part Time Officer-at-Large-Report - No report.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Committee – Jeri Edelen distributed the ILO draft presented in May 2015 and the updated. Alicia asked Jeri for a digital copy of the updated proposal, which she will email to Senators to share with their constituents. The goal is to survey students who are attending graduation rehearsal in May with the hopes of obtaining approximately 200 responses.

VI. INFORMATION

- A. **Academic Renewal Policy** - Amaliya Blyumin, Transfer Center Counselor, discussed changes to the policy for Academic Renewal. The Senate approved changes to the policy in Spring 2015, but additional changes have been made since then. Ms. Blyumin would like the Senate to approve the changes, so they can be implemented in Fall 2016. (Handout attached).
- B. **Compressed Calendar** – Grossmont College’s Academic Senate has voted to move forward with a compressed calendar. Most colleges in our area have adopted a compressed calendar. Alicia said that moving to a compressed calendar is a huge endeavor that will take at least two years to implement. The group had a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of a compressed calendar. Alicia said that this subject will be discussed at future meetings before the Senate votes on it.
- C. **Achieving the Dream** – Discussed in agenda item #III, “President’s Report”.
- D. **Senate Officers Committee** – Alicia discussed proposed changes the **Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws** that will allow the addition of an Officer at Large position on the Senate Officers Committee representing Student Services. This is timely because changes need to be approved in time for the spring elections. Proposed changes will be sent to Senators, so they can share with their constituents. Once approved, the changes will be sent to the membership for approval. If necessary, a special election will be held to include the new At Large Officer.
- E. **Canvas** –The Senate will need to decide by March whether we would like to upgrade to Blackboard Ultra or adopt the Course Management System recommended by the state, Canvas. Senators were shown how to access the web site which provides information on the new CMS, with a comparison between Blackboard and Canvas.

VII. Announcements/Public Comments-

- A. Alicia Munoz presented the mentoring program titled “New Faculty Academy” designed for new faculty going through the tenure review process.
 - B. Angela Nesta informed everyone that the library now has an online subscription to *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Patricia Santana introduced guest, Noha Ireiqat, new Arabic instructor.

Alicia Munoz, President, Adjourned meeting at 3:37pm