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| Academic Senate Committee Minutes | | | |
| september 16, 2014 | | 11:00-11:50 a.m. | L 246 |
| note taker | respectfully submitted by Caree Lesh | | | |
| Attendees | Arredondo, Josue | Lewis, John | Richison, Scott | |
| ~~Beach, Randy~~ | Lynch Morissette, Emily | Salahuddin, Sheri | |
| ~~Brady, David~~ | Maag, Eric | Soto, Corina | |
| Burton, Veronica | Martinez-Sanabria, Maria E. | Speyrer, Michael | |
| ~~Carberry, Ed~~ | McAneney, Danielle | Tolli, John | |
| Caschetta, Todd | McDaniel, Cynthia | Tyahla, Sandy | |
| Davis, J.D. | McGee, Tony | Villegas, Val | |
| Decker, Stephanie | Mossadeghi, Yasmin | Whitsett, Jessica | |
| Detsch, Steven | ~~Orozco, Alejandro~~ | Williams, Janelle | |
| Edwards-LiPera, Diane | ~~Ortiz, Luis~~ | Wolniewicz, Rebecca | |
| Flores-Charter, Patti | Posey, Jessica | Yoder, Leslie | |
| Garcia-Navarrette, Sylvia | Post, Frank | Yonker, Susan | |
| Hayashi, Chris | Quan, Nghiep | ~~Zinola, Lauren~~ | |
| ~~Hopkins, Kesa~~ | ~~Quintana, Pablo~~ |  | |
| Lesh, Caree | Rempt, Andrew |  | |
| GUEST/s | Angelica Suarez | Carla Kirkwood | Mourad Mjahed | |
|  | Sylvia Garcia Navarrete | Linda Hensley | Southwestern Sun Students | |
| Names in red indicate AS Executive committee members. | | |  | |
| **Call to order; Approval of Agenda (Action Item)** | | | patricia flores-charter |
| Discussion | A motion was made to approve the agenda and was seconded. | | | |
| Approval of agenda. M/S/C. unanimous | | | | |
| **Public Comment (Information Item)** | | | patricia flores-charter |
| Discussion | No public comments were made. | | | |
| **Presidents Report (Information Item)** | | | patricia flores-charter |
| Discussion | Governing Board Update: Two new tenure track counselors hired from SSSP money were offered one-year temporary positions. We will look to the future of what we want to do with SSSP monies. Andrew noted last week that there is not an official SSSP committee. Patti will be working on getting this committee up and running as soon as possible with all relevant constituent groups represented.  The Paramedic Coordinator will be a stipend position equal to 80% of a full-time position.  The mission statement is being reviewed annually as required by accreditation. A draft will be going out campus wide soon. Rebecca Wolniewicz is working with Patti to add something about distance education.  Senate communication by our representatives with constituents: Patti asked that if a Senator’s constituent sends a global email that indicates their need for information, Patti requests that the department Senator responds directly to the constituent.  Graduation requirements: Some of the data may not reflect what we wanted. This is being updated by research. Updated data will include the first courses of Exercise Science activity courses. Each course has been leveled for students, for example, Foundations of Fitness, ES/A 186 has three more levels of courses that students can take, ES/A 187, 188, 189. The data initially included a count of all sections. This will be changed to only count one section, now called the primary section. We will have new information coming out on number of those primary only sections of ES/A. Patti will get with athletics faculty to work on getting questions answered.  Faculty classroom announcement request: Because so much new information is coming out that students need quickly, Patti is asking faculty to make announcements in all classes. For example, Patti sent out an email today asking faculty to announce the coming candidate forums coming in the next two weeks. The week of Sept. 29 she will send out a request to explain the need for students to go through the SSSP process to get enrollment priority. Any student who has not done so needs to sign up for this process. They will receive an initial orientation, assessment for placement, an orientation to the assessment results and planning, and lastly a Student Education Plan. Students who first write an abbreviated education plan need to follow up with a comprehensive plan. | | |
| **SCEA Report (Report)** | | | frank post |
| discusson | An MOU was reached with the District on the Compressed calendar. SCEA will hold an informational meeting this Thursday in room 302 from 11:00-11:50. Ken Yanow sent the MOU out last night. The vote will start midnight next Monday and run for one week. The issue is about how we let the compressed calendar go forward with work load, but not about how classes are scheduled. The MOU, if approved, will allow the District to move forward with a compressed calendar.  The Union and District created a deal to hire the SSSP counselors on 1-year contracts. There is no concern about the positions being tenure track or the need for more counselors. The concern was a Title 5 violation. It was agreed that it was best to get faculty hired right away, so the 1-year deal was agreed upon. Now SSSP will have to decide if they need to go out for the positions now or open in spring to start in fall. The positions are being funded by categorical monies so the District is claiming these positions do not have to go to FHP. The 2 counselors will not decrease the number of faculty hired by FHP.  The Senate is working on making the hiring processes clearer for categorical and non-categorical positions.  There was a suggestion made to have the SCEA website linked to the college website. | | |
| **Honoring Sun Students (Information)** | | | patricia flores-charter |
| Discussion | The Sun staff was here to celebrate all the awards they have won this year. The students introduced themselves, indentified their role on the Sun, and their major. Patti read the litany of awards they have received this year.    A few accomplishments by Southwestern College journalism students last year:   * National Collegiate Newspaper of the Year, National Newspaper Association * National College Magazine of the Year, American Scholastic Press Association * Region 11 (Western States) College Newspaper of the Year, Society of Professional Journalists * Pacesetter Award (California State Championship), Journalism Association of Community Colleges * San Diego County’s Outstanding Collegiate Newspaper, Society of Professional Journalists, San Diego Press Club and San Diego County Fair Media Competition * The Sun won 31 of the 50 student media awards presented at this summer’s San Diego Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists Banquet, including 15 of 18 possible First Place awards * El Sol Magazine was presented with the American Scholastic Press Association’s “Outstanding Service to the Community” award * Five members of the 2013-14 Sun staff were selected for SWC Student of Distinction Awards (SODA), one quarter of the total awards presented * 22 sophomores from last year’s Sun staff transferred to universities | | |
| **Qatar Program (Information)** | | | carla kirkwood/mourad mjahed |
| Discussion | Right now there are 5 students on SWC campus, while others are working on their getting their English skills to a college level. The goal for the students to receive an AA in Leadership and Supervision and training in maritime skills at the Maritime Institute. Students introduced themselves and noted what classes they are taking this semester.  The process of establishing the MOU for this was less than desirable and we need to work on our internal processes of how we make decisions about such offers. These students are just like any of our other students.  These men are from the coast guard of Qatar. Women are 45% of the workforce in Qatar and are allowed in the military so the country is moving toward gender equality. Qatar is instrumental in US political operations in the middle east. This program will help us promote change and understanding. The students are struggling a little. They are right out of high school and away from home in a completely new culture. They understand their coursework; enjoy their classes and their teachers. The students are really appreciating the interaction and access they have with faculty, which is very unlike faculty at home. They would like to integrate this program more into campus. They are imbedding tutors into the classes with the Qatari students, which will benefit everyone in the classroom.  Carla and Mourad are also working on doing a workshop in spring about Islam and their belief systems. | | | |
| **Student Success Support Program (Information)** | | | maya bloch /angelica suarez |
| Discussion | AB 1456 – the student success act was passed in 2012. It focuses on 1. New student orientation, assessment of basic skills, completion of an SEP. The goals of SSSP are to prepare students for college work, for educational completion, for the workforce, and increasing transfer. It focusses on core services including; education planning, at risk follow up, orientation, assessment and placement. A small group has been working on a draft plan for the SSSP. This has been to SCC, ASO, and this will continue to be fully vetted with other groups. Committee members are David Ramirez, Dean Aragoza, Veronica Guaracha, Mark Samuels, Andrew Rempt, Caree Lesh and Bea Zamora. Patti will send the draft plan out to Academic Senate and SCC. Comments and questions are welcomed and can be sent to Maya Bloch or Andrew Rempt. | | | |
| **Student Equity (Information)** | | | Sylvia navareete-garcia/angelica suarez |
| Discussion | This is a new committee and they broke out from the diversity and equity committee, They started meeting in late spring and have 25 committee members. They are looking at access, course completion, ESL, basic skills, degree completion and transfer. The college has been funded approximately $900,000 for this year. Brad Phillips is a consultant and has been working with the group to look at data and look for high impact practices to close the achievement gap. The group has a SharePoint site with minutes and data, so please check it out. | | | |
| **Noel-Levitz Morale (Update)** | | | linda hensley |
| Discussion | Linda agreed to come back next week as time elapsed. | | | |
| **Adjournment** | | | patricia flores-charter |
| Discussion | The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 | | | |
| The next Academic Senate meeting: September 23, 2014 in L 246 from 11:00-11:50 a.m. | | | | |