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|  Academic Senate CommitteeMinutes |
| february 12, 2013 | 11:00-11:50 a.m. | L 238 N & S |
| note taker | respectfully submitted by Caree Lesh & angie Arietti |
| Attendees | Andrade-Robledo, Margarita | Kelly, Diana  | ~~Preciado, David~~ |
| Beach, Randy | Lesh, Caree | Quan, Nghiep |
| Brenner, Susan | ~~Lewis, John~~ | Rempt, Andrew |
| Carberry, Ed | Lopez, Victoria | Rutter, Marsha |
| Caschetta, Todd | Lucas, Yvonne | Salahuddin, Sheri |
| Detsch, Steven | Maag, Eric | Speyrer, Michael |
| Flores-Charter, Patti | Martinez, Maria E. | Stuart, Angelina  |
| Gustafson, Diana | McAneney, Danielle | ~~Tyahla, Sandy~~ |
| ~~Hayashi, Chris~~ | McDaniel, Cynthia | Vallejo, Cheryl |
| Herrera, Peter  | Meeker, Elisabeth | Whitsett, Jessica |
| Herrin, Bridget | Mossadeghi, Yasmin | Williams, Janelle |
| Horlor, Barry | Nichols, Rusty | Yonker, Susan |
| Jones, Linda | ~~Orozco, Alejandro~~ | Zinola, Lauren |
| GUEST/s | Superintendent/President Melinda Nish | Angelica Suarez | JD Davis |
|  | Candice Taffolla-Schreiber | Rebecca Wolniewicz |  |
| Names in red indicate AS Executive committee members. |  |
| **Call to order; Approval of Agenda (Action Item)** | randy beach |
| Discussion | The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by the Academic Senate President, Randy Beach |
| Action items |
| Approval of the agenda. M/S/C.  |
| **Public Comment (Discussion Item)** | randy beach |
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| Discussion  | A senator noted that we are having difficulty getting our AAT degrees approved because our course outlines are out of date. We are behind other colleges in getting these degrees approved and that hurts our student’s ability to transfer. Faculty was asked to please be sure to update their course outlines. |

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| **Approval of Minutes January 29, 2013 (Action Item)** | randy beach |
| Discussion | No discussion. |
| Action items |
| Approval of the minutes from January 29, 2013. M/S/C  |
| **President’s Report** | randy beach |
| Discussion | This report is in SharePoint and was passed out as a hard copy. There will be a reception for the Faculty Recognition Award winners on March 13th in Room 104 B at 5:30 PM, so please mark the date and come congratulate them!We will be voting on the Core Curriculum Criteria on February 26th at the Senate meeting.  |
| **Resolution in Support of Transitioning to a Compressed Calendar** | randy beach |
| Discussion  | The rules for the debate were reiterated from last week. Please try not to repeat what has already been said. Speakers will have 2 minutes and pros and cons will alternate. Speaking a second time is allowed after everyone has spoken once and that time will be limited to 1 minute. PROS* San Joaquin Delta has made the adjustment and has concluded that this does not hurt students and does offer some advantages to students. A 4-day work schedule would allow office hours and committee work on Fridays. This will permit summer and winter sessions. It is possible that every department would not need to switch to this.
* World Languages supports of the compressed calendar as faculty in other districts have found the longer class time valuable for students.
* This will align us with other districts. Students can get extra help during breaks.
* Riverside Community College does have a college hour and a compressed calendar. We can make a compressed calendar what we want it to be including blocks of time that fit within the new structure. Opportunities are added for student services to get their work done, such as disqualification and probation.
* Students do not just take classes here. And the more we are unaligned with the other colleges in the area, the worse job we are doing serving students. We should move to open start date and end date classes.

CONS * CTE faculty would struggle to get information dense courses in career specific area taught.
* There is a concern about keeping college hour as we have a vibrant ASO who does lots of events and educational activities during this time. Sometimes a block schedule does not help learning. A caveat for certain department to schedule differently should be added.

*A motion was made to change the resolution to include a friendly amendment that disciplines in Language, Sciences and Math be allowed to have latitude to schedule classes to better serve their students. This was seconded. Randy noted this would be an additional resolved.* * Research shows inconclusive results for a compressed calendar. Research shows better student success with the longer calendar for Math specifically.
* We have still not received information from the calendar from the Calendar Committee. Will there be a finals week? We don’t know. Outside of the Academic Senate, we do not have information and this is a great concern as to how the calendar transition will be implemented. How can we even debate this without information from the Calendar Committee?
* The Academic Senate President responded by noting the calendar committee has no way to know what the final calendar would look like so they provided a few mock-ups, but that was it.

End of debate – discussion on the amendment:We need to have some flexibility for certain programs and disciplines. An amendment is not necessary because the first whereas covers flexibility. Clarification was asked as to if this would mean going over 16 weeks, and the answer was no. It is confusing for students to have multiple start dates and this should be avoided. This will be a problem for one semester classes transitioning down from 18 weeks to 16 weeks. ASCCC shows that Languages, Math and Science have issues with the compressed calendar so this amendment should pass. Why limit this flexibility to only a few departments? We should not name specific school and just note there could be some flexibility. The language in the first whereas is not strong enough, so the amendment is a good addition.A friendly amendment to the first friendly amendment was made to add the specific department who may prefer some flexibility to the first whereas in the resolution. The 2nd friendly amendment was accepted. A motion was made to call the question, was seconded and passed. The recommendation is to add language to the first whereas was approved. The amendment passed. The resolution has been amended to include program examples in the first whereas. The motion passed 28-1.  |
| **Action items** |
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| **Adjournment** | Randy beach |
| Discussion | The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. |
| The next Academic Senate meeting: February 19, 2013 from 11:00-11:50 am in room L238 |