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| Academic Senate Committee Minutes | | | |
| March 25, 2014 | | 11:00-11:50 a.m. | L 246 |
| note taker | respectfully submitted by Caree Lesh & angie Arietti | | | |
| Attendees | Andrade-Robledo, Margarita | Jones, Linda | Quan, Nghiep | |
| Beach, Randy | ~~Lesh, Caree~~ | ~~Rempt, Andrew~~ | |
| Bloch, Maya | ~~Lewis, John~~ | Salgado-Avalos, Francisco | |
| Brenner, Susan | ~~Lucas, Yvonne~~ | Salahuddin, Sheri | |
| Carberry, Ed | Maag, Eric | Speyrer, Michael | |
| Caschetta, Todd | Martinez-Sanabria, Maria E. | Stuart, Angelina | |
| Davis, J.D. | McAneney, Danielle | ~~Tyahla, Sandy~~ | |
| Detsch, Steven | Mossadeghi, Yasmin | Whitsett, Jessica | |
| Edwards-LiPera, Diane | ~~Orozco, Alejandro~~ | Wolniewicz, Rebecca | |
| Flores-Charter, Patti | Pollock, Lynn | Yonker, Susan | |
| ~~Hayashi, Chris~~ | Posey, Jessica | Zinola, Lauren | |
| ~~Hopkins, Kesa~~ | ~~Preciado, David/Tom Rogo~~ |  | |
| Horlor, Barry | Puen, Kimberly |  | |
| GUEST/s | Superintendent/President Melinda Nish | Josue Arredondo |  | |
| 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 11:00 a.m. by the Academic Senate President, Randy Beach. Mark Samuels was unable to make the meeting today to discuss items 11 and 12 BP/AP Grading and Academic Record Symbols Policy and Procedure. There was a motion to substitute items 11 and 12 with BP/AP 4350 Final Examination Week Activities Policy and Procedure. The motion passed unanimously. | | | |
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| Approval of agenda with substitution. M/S/C. | | | | |
| **Public Comment (Information Item)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | Go SDSU Aztecs!  Walt Justice read a letter from one of his past students, Daniel De La Rosa, stating how taking Health 101 with him changed his life significantly. He started to eat better and work out playing racquetball. Now, he is a National Racquetball Champion for the 24 year old division in the United States. | | | |
| **Approval of Minutes from 03/18/14 (Action Item)** | | | randy beach |
| Action items | | | | |
| Approval of Minutes with change request. M/S/C. | | | | |
| Discussion | A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. There was a request to change the word “someone” in the fourth paragraph under item #7 to “discipline faculty or department chair”. The motion passed unanimously. | | |
| **President’s Report (Report)** | | | randy beach |
|  | The Presidents report is available on SharePoint.  **Faculty Recognition Awards**: Randy announced and congratulated Dr. Rebecca Wolniewicz for receiving the Professional Leadership Award for Full-Time Faculty; Lizzette Herrera Castellanos for receiving the Professional Leadership Award for Part-Time Faculty; Dr. Nouna Bakhiet for receiving the Teaching Excellence Award for Full-Time Faculty; Jessica Posey for receiving the Teaching Excellence Award for Part-Time Faculty; and Joyce Bayles and David Ramirez for the Team Faculty Excellence Award. These recipients will be honored at our Opening Day Staff Recognition Event in fall and will also be receiving funding to attend professional development activities.  **Governing Board Workshop**: The workshop was a success in helping the Governing Board focus on accreditation. There were several presentations given by Dr. Rebecca Wolniewicz, Dr. Mink Stavenga, Dr. Steven Crow, and Randy Beach. If you take a look at the President’s Report on SharePoint, you will find links to the presentations that were made.  There were two important items that we found out about accreditation. We do not have to follow the new draft standards and ACCJC is moving to a seven-year cycle, rather than a six-year cycle.  **Elections**: Nominations for Part-Time Senators, President-elect, and Vice President are now open and will close on Wednesday, April 2nd at noon.  Full-Time Faculty Senators who are up for re-election should plan to have their elections for senate offices at their April department meetings. It needs to be done by secret ballots. | | |
| **SCEA Report (Report)** | | | eric maag |
| Discussion | There will be a conference in Los Angeles April 11-13, 2014.  There is a survey that has been sent out regarding the sunshine items for the next negotiation cycle. This will start no later than April 28th. We will be prioritizing the sunshine items and making sure that we haven’t left anything out.  The SCEA call for nominations will be coming out soon for all five executive positions. We are meeting today to discuss the timeline with the Elections Committee.  We have had a group of people meeting on Fridays to discuss vesting. They meet from Noon-1:30 p.m. in room 105 A if anyone is interested in attending. Eric has asked part-time and full-time faculty to email him a testimonial of why you think vesting is important. He will accumulate the testimonials and email them in a bulk document to the Governing Board members and also give a hard copy to Dr. Nish. He also asked that faculty show up at the next Governing Board meeting on April 9th so they can have as many oral comments as possible on this subject. Our vesting language is under threat through unilateral action.  Our Rep Council meeting is this Thursday from 11-11:50 a.m. in room 302. | | |
| **Consent Calendar (Action)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | There were no items on the consent calendar for this meeting. | | | |
| **Senate Reassigned Time MOU Ratification (Action)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | This is a ratification of the Senate reassigned time agreement that was approved contingent upon negotiations about 5 or 6 weeks ago. This was a proposal to the District to change the reassigned time for Senate executive officers. The MOU has been signed by the Senate, SCEA, and the District.  A motion was made and seconded to approve the Senate Reassigned Time MOU Ratification.  The District is willing to increase the amount of currently allocated reassigned time from 42 LHE (1.4 FTE) to 105 LHE (3.5 FTE). They took a look at a few faculty positions that were faculty and reassigned positions. We combined the SLO Coordinator and the IPRC Coordinator to produce the Institutional Program Review and Outcomes Coordinator. Randy showed the committee the agreement and a senator noticed that there was 10% missing on the Annual Load Reassigned section from the MOU. Randy will go back and add in the missing 10% so it equals the 350% (3.5 FTE).  Eric Maag praised Randy and Lynn Solomita for all of their hard work.  The motion passed, pending the 10% correction, unanimously. | | | |
| **Honorary Degree Nominations** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | The Honorary Degree Committee met and brought forward two nominations that they would like the Senate to consider and endorse.  There was a motion made and seconded to endorse Irv Silverstein as an Honorary Degree Nomination. The motion passed unanimously. He was one of the founding members of the Dental Hygiene School. He helped expand UCSD Medical School’s Free Dental Clinic. Irv has also helped donate supplies to SWC’s Dental Hygiene Program.  There was a motion made and seconded to endorse William Virchis as an Honorary Degree Nomination. The motion passed unanimously. He was a former faculty member here in the Theatre Department.  Randy explained that the committee wanted to focus on were nominees that were directly involved with the campus. | | | |
| **BP 3570 Smoking and Tobacco Products** **(1st Read/Discussion)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | We have had the Smoking and Tobacco Products Policy for a while, but it is contradictory because it says that smoking isn’t allowed on campus, while another section it says that smoking isn’t allowed within 20 feet of a main entrance. The Facilities Committee was given the policy by the Shared Consultation Council to fix it. They sent it to the HR Committee and they sent it back to the SCC. The IFC now has taken it over. It has gone to the SCC once already and this is what is being presented to the AS Committee today.  There were questions asked as to why there is a complete ban of smoking and why don’t we have designated areas to smoke. It has to do with inabilities to enforce it and health issues that come with smoking. | | | |
| **AP 3570 Smoking and Tobacco Products** **(1st Read/Discussion)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | The enforcement mechanism is a hierarchy of fines. The first offense will cost $35.00 and the second or subsequent offense will cost $50.00.  The ASO has asked that there be a designated place for students to smoke.  A motion was made and seconded to extend for six minutes. The motion passed.  There was a lengthy discussion of pros and cons of having this policy in effect and who is actually going to enforce it. | | | |
| **BP 4350: Final Examination Week Activities (1st Read/Discussion)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | This is not a legal requirement, but we created this to show what the expectations were in terms of the final exams week. How you spend your time and what you do with your classes is in our contract. | | | |
| **AP 4350: Final Examination Week Activities (1st Read/Discussion)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | In number three, there are two “that”. We need to remove one of them.  There was a request to add a section that states that no changes may be made to this final exam schedule, unless the direction comes from Instructional Support Services.  A senator suggested changing the wording in number eight to make it clearer. | | | |
| **BP 4021: Program Discontinuance (1st Read/Discussion)** | | | randy beach |
| Discussion | This was postponed. | | | |
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| Discussion | This was postponed. | | | |
| **Adjournment** | | | Randy beach |
| Discussion | The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. | | | |
| The next Academic Senate meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 | | | | |