



Senate Minutes

Academic Senate Council Meeting
 September 15, 2006, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
 Room 5305

John Veres Biology	Greg Baxley Physical Sciences	Sean Boling English	Peet Cocke Fine Arts
Beth-Ann Cocroft Lang. And Comm.	Walt Rehm Physical Education	Brent LaMon North County Rep.	Jane Morgan Vice-President
Allison Merzon President	Rober Schwennicke Math	Patrick Len Physical Sciences	Carina Love Learning Resources
Marilyn Rossa CCFT Rep.	Jefferson Clarke Part-time At Large	Jan Gillette Human Development	Regina Reyes Counseling
VACANT AS/DSPS	Jack Sullivan Business	Toni Torrey Nursing	VACANT Performing Arts
Kent Brudney Social Science	Gary Villa Engineering & Tech.	Larry Johnston Full-time At Large	VACANT ASCC Representative

Guest: Peter Dill

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Is there any business that has representative guests or reports that need to be done first so these individuals do not have to stay for the entire meeting? Is there any business that requires immediate action and therefore, must be dealt with before any other business at this meeting?

The agenda was reorganized to allow for the CCFT representative to be in attendance when discussions regarding the calendar took place.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Plus-Minus Grading

(Cocke) (10 Minutes)

Proposal: The Senate Council approve the following language for the Plus Minus Grading ballot:

Yes, I am in favor of allowing all faculty to have the option of plus/minus grading.

No, I am not in favor of allowing all faculty to have the option of plus/ minus grading.

Consensus was reached.

Proposal: The Senate Council will establish a protocol for ballot distribution, timeline, vote counting and ruling on how a decision is determined (e.g. majority, etc.) at this meeting.

Consensus was reached.

Proposal: A simple majority will be used to confirm the winner in the Plus-Minus Grading voting. In addition, the voting will commence on September 25th and close October 15th.

Consensus was reached.

2. Calendar Concerns

(Morgan) (10 minutes)

Discussion: The Senate Council, in collaboration with the Union, will discuss concerns regarding the timing of spring break and condensed calendar considerations.

Proposal: The Senate and the Union hold a joint meeting in the Fall semester to begin discussing and planning calendar concerns and options that would best support students and faculty.

Re-agendized and finally tabled.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. President/ Superintendent Search

(Merzon) (40 minutes)

Discussion: In light of the recent announcement of the retirement/ resignation of Dr. Rosenwasser, the college will soon embark on a search for a new President/ Superintendent. It is imperative that the faculty begin discussing their vision for leadership of the college. Plans for the vision of Cuesta, leadership indicators and working with other constituent groups shall be discussed.

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council adopt the resolution entitled, “Academic Senate Resolution on Hiring Process for Superintendent/ President (see attached.)”

Consensus was reached with the amendment that Merzon and Brudney would make further refinements to the document.

Proposal: The Senate Council will create a list of questions for the Senators to take back to their respective divisions and begin discussion on the issues surrounding the search for a new superintendent.

Conesus was reached and the following questions were selected:

- What qualities would you like to see in a new college president?
- What governing philosophy should our future college president reflect?
- Identify the changes you would like to see in our leadership.
- What priorities would you like the president to have?
- Should our president have an educational background?

Proposal: The Senate Council, in collaboration with the Union, will set up two Faculty Forums for discussion on leadership, a vision for Cuesta and the search for a new superintendent. One forum will be held October 27th and the other will be in November with the exact date and time to be announced.

Consensus was reached.

IV. REPORTS**(Total 20 minutes)**

1. Sizzler (3 minutes)
 - a. Discussion on the Senate agenda and faculty Professional Development.
2. Curriculum (3 minutes)
 - a. Changes to the consultation signatures on new courses and major revisions.
3. Equivalency (3 minutes)
 - a. Membership, Chair, Single Course/ Limited Equivalencies
4. Faculty Professional Development (3 minutes)
 - a. Update on Flex
 - b. Professional Development Activities/ BOY
5. Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments (3 minutes)
 - a. Training Workshop
6. CCFT (3 minutes)
 - a. Interviewing political candidates
 - b. Discussion on flex
7. Planning and Budget (2 minutes)
8. MyCuesta Portal Group Update (2 minutes)
 - a. Carina Love – Liaison
 - b. A handout was provided.

V. CALL TO ACTION ITEMS**(Merzon) (5 minutes)**

1. Accreditation Training, September 26th, 8:30 –3:00 PM. Recruit one division member.
2. Retreat target date over Spring Break. Solicit faculty interested in organizing.
3. Collaborative leadership vision. Ongoing discussions/ plans at the divisional level.
4. Gather input from division regarding the New York Times and Tribune Program.

VI. INFORMATION/ PENDING ITEMS

1. Senate Scholarship Recipients - **TABLED**

VII. AGENDA BUILDER/ SIZZLER ITEMS

Are there any items/issues that anyone has that he/she feels need to be on the Senate Council agenda for discussion, or that need to be taken to Sizzler for answers/clarification?

No discussion is to take place on items/issues at this time:

1. Administrative Evaluations Procedures and Process
2. No Cell phone/ PDA in class and/or campus policy
3. FW Grading Option
4. Early Alert
5. Reaffirm Senate Resolution 01-02 – Resolution in Support of Staff Development

Next Meeting: September 29, 2006

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Academic Senate Council of Cuesta College

Resolution on Hiring Process for Superintendent/ President Resolution 01-06

To the Cuesta College Board of Trustees:

Whereas, The retirement of Dr. Marie Rosenwasser comes at a crucial time for Cuesta College. The next president/superintendent will confront ageing facilities, an undersupply of prospective faculty willing to come to a college with relatively low salaries and high housing costs, and an institutional culture in which fundamental educational issues of professional development, teaching, and learning are not being addressed as a common enterprise.

Whereas, Our primary concern, however, is the lack of genuine shared governance in many of the college's processes.

Be it Resolved, The Academic Senate Council invites the Board to begin changing our institutional culture by initiating a truly deliberative process on campus and in the community to elicit a shared understanding of what kind of leadership Cuesta needs. To being the search for a new president/superintendent without such deliberation places our future in jeopardy.

Be it Further Resolved, We urge the Board not to rush the selection process. If necessary, an extended interim appointment should be considered.

Be it Finally Resolved, The Academic Senate Council pledges its full cooperation in an inclusive deliberative hiring process.

Signed:

Allison Merzon/ Academic Senate President

Date

Jane Morgan/ Academic Senate Vice President

Date