

2008-2009 CUESTA COLLEGE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009 - ROOM 5402 - 1:45-3:45 P.M.

MINUTES

CO-CHAIRS: DR. CATHLEEN GREINER & DON NORTON

✓	Allison Merzon	✓	Dennis Baeyen	✓	Kathy Jimison	✓	Ralph Sutter
✗	ASCC President	✓	Don Norton	✓	Linda Fontanilla	✓	Randy Gold
✓	Beth-Ann Dumas	✓	Douglas Pillsbury	✓	Marcia Scott	✓	Robert Mariucci
✓	Bret Clark	✓	Franky Curiel	✓	Marie Larsen	✓	Ron Ruppert
✓	Cande Munoz	✓	Guyla Amyx	✓	Mark Stengel	✓	Sandee McLaughlin
✓	Cathleen Greiner	✓	Jennifer Martin	✓	Matthew Green	✓	Steve Leone
✓	Chris Akelian	✓	Joel Carlson	✓	Pam Peachy	✗	Toni Sommer
✗	Dave Pelham	✓	John Fetcho	✓	Pamela Ralston	✓	Virginia Findley
✗	Deborah Wulff	✓	Joy Chambers	✓	Patrick Schwab	✓	Walt Rehm

Co-Chair Cathleen Greiner called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM I—Approval of minutes from December 9, 2008

The minutes from the December 9, 2008 Shared Governance Council meeting were approved as written and presented.

AGENDA ITEM II—ACCREDITATION DISCUSSION

- a. **Cathleen Greiner** began the discussion by referring to the report from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. She expressed her personal opinion that nine recommendations were excessive.
- b. **Ron Ruppert** asked about any commendations given to Cuesta.
- c. **Cathleen Greiner** answered and stated that it was disappointing to not have received any commendations. She stated that the fact that Cuesta got off warning last year was a big event. The commission could have commended Cuesta and then added its concerns.
- d. **Allison Merzon** stated that she was concerned with the quality of the report that was produced. She expressed that it was not clear, concise, or coherent. A report that is produced and supposed to be used by an institution for improving its quality should be cohesive and have clear direction.
- e. **Kathy Jimison** asked if anyone had a sense of how many institutions were placed on warning State-wide.
- f. **Allison Merzon** replied it was about 20 colleges.
- g. **Steve Leone** asked if it would be possible to find out who the members will be that will visit after the follow-up report is sent.
- h. **Cathleen Greiner** answered that it would probably be a subset of the members that visited Cuesta for the self-study. She added that she is planning a visit to the ACCJC, during which she will try to get clarification on issues like these.
- i. **Steve Leone** stated that another issue that should be brought up with the commission is that of unfunded mandates (i.e. SLO compliance without

funding a SLOA coordinator position). Also, CFT and the Statewide Academic Senate have concerns with the training given to the visiting team members. He added that he also had major concerns with the biases of the visiting team members that came to Cuesta College.

- j. **Linda Fontanilla** shared that she was part of an accreditation team prior to coming to Cuesta. The ACCJC sent the team members to Southern California for training, which she thought was thorough and very precise.
- k. **Allison Merzon** stated that a big issue for her as a writer was dealing with the ambiguity of the questions/statements that ACCJC produces. From an educator's perspective, she added, when one's students are all flunking all the time, one might want to reexamine the test and fix it because the problem is not with the students, it's in the test.
- l. **Cathleen Greiner** concluded the discussion by stating that Cuesta, as always, will continue to work together to produce a focused follow-up report. The follow-up report will be succinct, coherent, comprehensive, and will use the scientific method, making sure Cuesta makes the case with evidence of what we are doing and we'll do.

AGENDA ITEM III—2008-2009 FACULTY PRIORITIZATION

The Shared Governance Council conducted the 2008-2009 Faculty Prioritization. The process was as follows:

- 1. **Bret Clark** and **Kathy Jimison** clarified the way in which the data from Student Services and Student Learning were equilibrated: Student Learning had 7 objective criteria and Student Services had 5 objective criteria. The medians for each group were determined and then adjusted. This process was conducted in order to better compare and score the criteria numbers of two different data sets.
- 2. **Mark Stengel** served as presenter for all positions and provided information for SGC members to vote on the subjective criteria worksheet. SGC members had the opportunity to ask questions about each one of the positions.
- 3. After the presentations, Shared Governance Council members present at the table voted on the subjective criteria worksheet.
- 4. The tabulation committee gathered the results and charted the outcomes with the following results:

Math 1	1
Microbiology	2
Speech	3
Math 2	4
Economics	5
DSPS	6
Library	7
Nutrition	8
Math 3	9
Physical Education	10
Welding	11
Audio Technology	12

Co-Chair Don Norton adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The next meeting of the Shared Governance council will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., in room 5402.