

Cañada College

Academic Senate Governing Council

Minutes of 5-22-08 meeting

Approved 8-28-08

ASGC members present: Martin Partlan, David Clay, Denise Erickson, Jenny Castello, Carol Rhodes, Monica Malamud, Sharon Finn, Ron Trugman, David Patterson.

Guests: Ray Lapuz, Patty Dilko, Tom Mohr.

1. Call to order: 2:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of agenda: agenda adopted, with 7.2, 7.5 and 7.6 moved up.

3. Appointment of interim secretary: Monica Malamud

4. Approval of minutes:

3/27/08 minutes: approved as amended.

5/8/08 minutes: approved as amended.

5. Public comment:

Ray requests that ASGC consider having the SLO coordinator as a voting member of the ASGC. We will have this topic on a future agenda to allow for further discussion. This change would necessitate a change in the by-laws, which required a vote of the full senate.

Jenny: Curriculum Committee is considering a change in the constitution of the committee, to make the past president a voting member, and the graduation officer a member of the technical review committee.

7.6. SLO Coordinator

Carol Rhodes has been the only applicant for this position. Carol explained that she is interested in this position not just to make sure that we comply with accreditation requirements, but also in order to make the whole process meaningful for teaching and learning.

Moved/seconded to appoint Carol Rhodes as SLO coordinator. Approved unanimously.

7.5. Honors program:

We had discussion on this topic at the last ASGC meeting. Additional discussion:

- The interaction among honors students is very important, the target for the honors program should be to have the core of the program be dedicated sections.
- Funding: there is commitment for \$25K in external funding for the first year. Currently, the idea of having external funding to “purchase” dedicated honors sections is being explored. (Purchase = pay faculty for the teaching of these sections through external funding).
- There is concern that the non-honors section may not have the high level of rigor. It was pointed out that this may happen with or without an honors program.
- There is concern that an elitist subgroup be created in a supposedly egalitarian educational system. The strongest voice against this argument was the students’: if they are denied the opportunity of an honors program, they are the ones that are going to be hurt.

Moved/seconded to support the Honors Program. Approved with one abstention.

7.2. CurriCUNET

Our Curriculum Committee likes CurriCUNET. Skyline and CSM’s senates voted in favor of CurriCUNET. But district curriculum committee would like to see other options before making a decision. The SharePoint that José Peña has designed already has better capabilities than CurriCUNET. There

Moved/seconded to table CurriCUNET adoption decision until options are researched. Approved unanimously.

6. Committee Reports:

6.1. Curriculum:

Everything that was reported at last ASGC meeting was accomplished. No more meetings for this academic year.

6.2. Planning and Budget:

Created a new position, Office Assistant II for Science and Technology, in order to satisfy the requirements of managed hiring.

Discussion of classified hiring process.

6.3. College Council:

There was a report of the Master Planning process. Classified A&R position approved. Research position approved. Approved Honors Program.

6.4. AFT:

There are four grievances in progress. Negotiations on three re-openers are on-going (check AFT website for details). John Kirk, Chief Grievance Officer for 30 years, is retiring; there is a retirement party on June 6th. Election is underway; mail-in ballots are due in the AFT office June 2nd.

6.5. Professional Personnel:

Trustees Fund has selected four proposals that were forwarded to the board. Professional Development Committee presented a report showing all the proposals that were funded in 07-08.

It was decided that in the future faculty will be able to get \$200 for in-state travel, \$ 300 for out-of-state travel to professional development activities. Website is being developed.

6.6. Finance:

The Academic Senate spent \$340 for end of the year celebration and recognition.

6.7. SLOs:

Plans for summer: plan for opening day flex activity.

7.1. Committee appointments:

Campus safety: still open.

Basic Skills Steering Committee: message went out to all faculty. Alicia Aguirre and Salumeh Eslamieh moved/seconded/approved.

SLO advisory committee: Ray Lapuz, Patty Dilko, ASGC president, Monica Malamud moved/seconded /approved.

Professional Development: Susan Gangel, Lisa Palmer, Alicia Aguirre and Carol Rhodes have forwarded their names. Moved/seconded: Susan Gangel to this committee. Approved.

Science and Tech Division appointments: Cathy Lipe to College Council, Doug Hirzel to ASGC. Moved/seconded/approved.

Research position: Tom Mohr informed us that Research position is being advertised, so there needs to be a committee, with three faculty members. Complete make-up of the committee, who will be on the final interview, dates for process not determined yet.

Trust Committee: Karen Olesen will be on this committee too.

7.3 Elections result:

32 ballots returned. 3 were not valid. 29 ballots were valid.

Dave Patterson elected secretary (29 votes)

Monica Malamud elected Secretary (write-in, 6 votes)

7.4. Faculty Hiring Process:

Tabled

8. New Business

8.1. Educational Master Plan

The Education Master Plan to be prepared by Mass & Co. was discussed. They proposed to submit drafts of sections during the summer with a final draft ready by the end of summer.

8.2. District Strategic Plan:

Document will be back for approval early in the fall.

8.3. Research Position

Announcement has already been written and position is being advertised. Faculty inquired whether this position could be open to district faculty (with retreat rights).

9. Matters of Council Interest

None.

