

# Cañada College Academic Senate Governing Council

Minutes of November 13, 2008

Building 3, Room 104, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**ASGC members present:** Martin Partlan, David Clay, David Patterson, Monica Malamud, Doug Hirzel, David Meckler, Karen Olesen, Ana Miladinova, Sharon Finn, Denise Erickson.

**Senate members:** Jenny Castello.

1. **Call to order:** 2:11 p.m.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved/seconded/approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes of , 2008**

Moved/seconded/approved unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**

There was consensus to nominate Patty Dilko for an award for her work on the Honors Program.

Dave reported on the Fall Plenary of the State Academic Senate: there were good presentations; Dave led a breakout session. There were many important resolutions passed, such as: Opposition to using SLOs in faculty evaluation, Improved training for Accreditation Teams, Maintaining 10+1 in times of budget crisis, Developing a Resource Library for course and program level SLOs, Development of sustainability curriculum, Concern about the recent “Hours by Arrangement” advisory.

CSUs want to suspend transfer agreements, in order to have more control over the number of students admitted to the system.

5. **Committee reports**

- 5.1. **Curriculum:**

Curriculum Committee has been “cleaning up” the catalog. New program in Chemistry approved (with funding from NSF). New Engineering class.

- 5.2. **Planning and Budget:**

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At the meeting today P&B reviewed Fund 1 (of which 97% is salaries) and the Strategic Plan and College Goals, within the context of the College Mission. P&B is meeting every week for the remaining of the semester. There will be an all college meeting next week to discuss budget issues.

### **5.3. College Council**

College Council is working on the Planning Structures.

### **5.4.AFT:**

The Executive Committee voted to move forward to the arbitration stage on a tenure denial grievance currently underway. The district had previously indicated that it may provide reassigned time to faculty on the Trust committee, but the current offer is to pay a stipend; the AFT will request a meeting with Chancellor Galatolo about this issue. There was a lengthy conversation on political activity at the last AFT meeting; the district administration and the AFT are in disagreement with respect to what constitutes legal political activity on college campuses.

### **5.5. Professional Personal:**

The committee updated forms. Professional development funding from categoricals may be reduced.

### **5.6. Finance**

No report.

## **6. Old Business**

### **6.1. Committee Appointments:**

Tenure committees formed for Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez and Byron Ramey.

### **6.2. Alternative Calendar**

Monica, Cañada faculty rep to the Compressed Calendar Taskforce, presented an overview of the process that the district is going through in order to consider a move to a compressed calendar by fall 2010. Modeling was done for the Fall 07 under a compressed calendar scenario, including: academic calendar for 07-08, number of class meetings for each day of the week, typical start and end times for 3-, 4- and 5-unti courses, room assignments for all courses in the Science and Technology Division. Monica asked everyone to send comments, questions, feedback. Motion: Academic Senate President to send an e-mail to all Cañada faculty members asking them to send feedback on Compressed Calendar to Monica by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded/approved unanimously.

### **6.3. Rules and Regs. Chapter 6: 6-2 6-22, 6-24, 6-26, 6-35, 6-45, 6-60, 6-90, 6-91**

Moved to table Rules and Regs, seconded, approved unanimously.

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## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. College Community Garden**

A donor would like to donate 85K to set up a community garden. President Mohr wants recommendation from senate. Motion: Senate supports the idea of a community garden with the following recommendations: that it be self-funding, that research be done on the types of gardens to find the best fit for the college and that it have curricular value to the college. Seconded/approved.

### **7.2. Budget Discussion – Productivity:**

ASGC discussed options for increasing productivity:

- teaching larger classes may be doable in some disciplines
- more faculty may consider teaching larger classes if there were teaching assistants and graders
- program elimination may be considered
- consolidating programs across campuses
- exploring options to increase income (as opposed to concentrating only on budget cuts)

## **8. Matters of Council Interest**

None.

Meeting adjourned: 3:46 p.m.

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