

Minutes
Miramar College Academic Senate

Location: L-309

Oct 15, 2013 3:30-5:00pm

Senators Present: Buran Haidar, Daphne Figueroa, Gina Bochicchio, Erica Murrietta, Joan Thompson, Frederica Carr, Mark Hertica, Peter Elias, Clara Blenis, Sean Bowers, Dawn DiMarzo, Marilyn Espitia, Isabella Feldman, Bob Fritsch, Rich Halliday, April Koch, Andrew Lowe, Eric Mosier, Wheeler North, Jordan Omens, Wayne Sherman, Dan Willkie, Linda Woods, M. Patricia Beller, Lawrence Hahn, Shawn Hurley, Lisa Selchau, Shayne Vargo

Other Attendees: Laura Murphy, Duane Short, Dan Igou, Sonny Nguyen, Dan Gutowski, Nick Gehler, Amy Jennings, Marie McMahan, Darrel Harrison, Juli Bartolomei

Absent: Otto Dobre, Naomi Grisham (proxy: J Thompson), Jeff Higginbotham (proxy: E Murrietta), Sandra Slivka (proxy: M McMahan), Johnny Gonzales

Meeting called to order at 3:36pm.

A. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

The agenda was approved after reordering to move the Old Business Item F2 to immediately after C, Special Reports, to accommodate guest speakers. The previous minutes were approved unchanged.

B. Senate Reports

1. Treasurer – Erica Murrietta reported a balance of \$680.82. Erica continues to collect dues. The goal is \$900.
2. President's Report – Buran reported on:
 - i. District Participatory Governance and Planning Conference, held on Friday October 11th, with participating Miramar faculty. Buran thanked Daphne for all her hard work.
 - ii. "Amazing Race" campus team building event, Friday Oct. 25th. Sonny Nguyen, Miramar Outreach Coordinator, spoke and encouraged faculty participation in this morale-building activity. Information on this event can be found in emails sent to all from Francine McCorkell.
 - iii. Faculty service on governance committees is a contractual obligation, and faculty committee service appointments are determined during the spring semester for the following academic year, per our Governance Handbook.
 - iv. Spring 2014 Convocation: Buran sought senator input regarding: a) having the President's Convocation at the beginning of the spring semester or replace it with other FLEX activities and b) if the decision is to continue to hold a spring convocation, is it possible to hold it on Friday afternoon instead of Thursday morning of FLEX week. This would accommodate the classified staff wishes to attend. Points were raised regarding the importance of coming together as a group at the beginning of the semester and possible decrease in faculty participation if held on Friday afternoon. Senators will bring their input back to the next Senate meeting.
 - v. The Area D meeting on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Imperial Valley College. B. Haidar and F. Carr will be attending.
3. Past-President – Daphne Figueroa reported on the following items:
 - i. District Participatory Governance and Planning Conference: Daphne presented the conference details. Beth Smith, our ASCCC President, attended and was a panelist on the morning session on Governance. The State Chancellor, Brice Harris, was the keynote speaker.
 - ii. ASCCC Academic Academy: February 2014, Napa, CA. Daphne is serving on its planning task force. The theme is "What does it mean for your students to be college-educated, and how does GE fit into this concept?"

C. Special Reports - None

D. Committee Reports/Information

1. Cross-Disciplinary Prerequisites – Dan Igou discussed recent Title 5 changes on this topic (specifically, the requirement for statistical validation has been removed). We have developed a procedure to assign cross-disciplinary prerequisites. These prerequisites are generally in Math and English. Dan showed a flowchart with the proposed procedure for determining and implementing the prerequisites. He illustrated with an example and answered senator questions.
2. Assigning Disciplines – Duane Short explained the state requirement that every course be assigned to one or more disciplines. The discipline list and the faculty minimum qualifications are developed and updated by the ASCCC for State Board of Governors approval. He presented a draft document that is under discussion for when a course is assigned to more than one discipline. Presently there is an AND (indicating that teaching faculty must have minimum qualifications in both disciplines) and an OR (minimum qualifications in either one or the other). The proposed change is to add a "soft AND" (shown as "&") to the mix. The "&" indicates the instructor must meet minimum qualifications for one discipline on the list and also have some additional qualification such as coursework from another discipline (but not full minimum quals in another discipline). There was a discussion at CIC regarding how much discretion faculty should have in specifying the additional qualification. Some members of CIC believe this should be narrowly defined (for example, mandating at least 12 units of coursework in the other discipline if the soft and "&" is used) and some members of CIC believe it should be more broadly defined. Miramar's curriculum committee recommends that it be more broadly defined,

for example having a text entry field and allowing faculty to enter whatever additional qualification is appropriate rather than requiring a minimum additional number of units in all cases. Members of the senate provided feedback on this topic directing Duane and Dan to advocate for a more broad definition and more faculty discretion in the specifying of the additional qualification.

E. New Business

1. College Governance Committee Changes – Daphne Figueroa reported on the following:
 - i. Instructional PR/SLOAC (IPR/SLOAC) Membership and Handbook Page Changes – Daphne presented the IPR/SLOAC Committee recommended changes to its Governance Handbook page that the committee forwarded to the College Governance Committee (CGC) at its last meeting in spring 2013. The CGC reviewed, commented and suggested changes and agreed to move forward the modified IPR/SLOAC to the college constituencies for consideration. The IPR/SLOAC recommendations include adding one instructional division classified staff member and a new committee goal (#3) to “review all instructional and instructional-services program review self-study reports on a recurring basis and provide feedback and recommendations.” Some Senators expressed concern about this goal, given the distinct nature of the programs. L. Murphy, the college-wide SLO Facilitator, answered that this was just to make sure all program reviews provide the same information and were somewhat standard and she added that the move for some sort of the evaluative component is state-wide. Daphne pointed out that this effort has not been successful in the past. Laura said the College President has asked that the PR/SLOAC Committee not evaluate any program reviews until goal #3 has been officially added to the committee’s mission. Daphne suggested a sampling on a “rotating basis.” Buran asked about the intended parties for the feedback and the recommendations. Laura responded that it would be to the authors. Buran summarized that the discussion about goal #3. A second reading of the IPR/SLOAC committee recommendations, either without goal #3 or with a revised and clarified version goal #3, will take place at the next Senate meeting.
 - ii. Program Review/Outcomes and Assessment Committee – Postponed
 - iii. ACCJC Resolution – Buran presented the CFT/AFT resolution. She pointed out the key issues in the “whereas” and “resolved” statements. It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules to vote on the resolution. That motion was passed. The Senate next voted on the resolution itself. The Academic Senate supported this resolution.

F. Old Business

1. Institutionalization of Tutoring Coordination – Postponed.
2. Vernal Pools/Facilities Master Plan Change Feasibility: Last May, the College Facilities Committee brought a proposal to the Academic Senate, initiated by the Mira Mesa Recreation Council, proposing that Miramar use the northwest corner of the campus for a college-only playing field. This is currently the location of the Vernal Pools Interpretive Park, per our Miramar College Facilities Master Plan. At the Academic Senate meeting on October 1st, the motion was made to stick with the current Facilities Master Plan. Voting on the motion was postponed until the Oct 15th meeting to allow Athletics Program faculty to present information and for a representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to be present. Buran reminded the Academic Senate that potential changes the 2005 Miramar Facilities Master Plan is not a 10 + 1 matter, and the Senate can only make a recommendation. The Plan was developed after the passage of Prop S, with many stakeholders and many issues that are outside Academic Senate purview. In addition, the plan was not designed to serve the instructional needs of any particular discipline and the instructional purposes are a consequence of having a mandated environmentally-protected vernal pools area. Peter Elias read a statement obtained from Bryand Duke, Senior Environmental Scientist from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Nick Gehler, Chair of Exercise Science, Dan Gutowski, Fieldhouse Manager, and Sean Bowers, women’s soccer coach and department senator, all made presentations highlighting: a) number of total athletes served at Miramar, b) challenges of the joint use of the Hourglass Park, which includes heavy community usage and maintenance and renovation needs, leading to dead spots contributing to lower body injuries among student athletes, and c) impact of administrative decision on the use of artificial turf and other expensive plans that were deemed too prohibitive. (*The PowerPoint presentation of the Exercise Science Faculty has since been posted on the Academic Senate Website*).
Comments were made regarding the safety needs and student injury concerns, the Hourglass Joint Use Agreement, the notable current absence of vernal pools. Buran asked that the discussion be limited to the main motion. The Academic Senate voted on and passed the motion to stick with the existing Facilities Master Plan (19 ayes and one nay). Daphne made a motion to support the Exercise Science Department in their efforts to increase the safety of the college student-athletes by acquiring a college-only playing field that was seconded and passed.

G. Announcements

1. Joan Thompson informed about the intent to bring to the Senate the issue of class offering to meet student needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm. The next meeting will be on November 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Bochicchio