

Faculty Senate San Antonio College



MINUTES October 7, 2015 – 3:00 PM, VAC 120

MEETING CALLED BY: President, Lisa Black, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

NOTE TAKER: Tammy Perez, Senate Secretary

Members Absent: Terri Slonaker

A. Recognition of Visitors / Informational Presentation

- Roger Stanley – PTK faculty advisor
 - PTK just held their conference with topics including the annual pledge to Complete Community College Core (C4): handed out informational pamphlets about membership and benefits as well as pledge cards for faculty and staff to fill out affirming their support of community college student completion.
 - Proposal to pass on the torch of the Robert E Ziegler Inspirational Professor Award to Faculty Senate which could continue if Faculty Senate takes it on. This would allow for two awards for inspirational professors – the Piper in the fall, the Ziegler in the spring.

B. Approval of Minutes

- September approved – Amanda made a motion, Jeff seconded

C. Reports of Standing Committees

- Surveys and Elections – Julie Engel: Surveys to feel out faculty opinion on firearms – David says that the survey is timely and originated from a student project. The law takes effect in spring 2016. College President has discretion to designate gun-free zones. Tiffany – anxiety may be caused by survey and it needs to be clear that this is not input toward decision making. This is law. Lisa – should be taken back to the committee to do the work and then be brought before the whole senate votes on it.
- Piper email will go out. Last year there was only one nominee.

D. Reports of Board of Trustees Meetings: Sept. 8, Sept. 15

- Mike Burton/Lisa Black reported
The Board voted to go ahead with Phase 1 on the new administrative building. Phase 1 is an exploratory phase.

E. Reports from Senate Funded Conference

- TCCTA Fall Leadership Conference summary – Mike Burton, Lisa Black, Tiffany Cox, Tammy Perez
This conference was not very helpful for faculty senate leadership information but the attendees were able to gain interesting demographic, legislative, and curricular information from some of the presentations.

F. Reports of Officers

- Lisa Black
 - Decision Making Model retreat – more than 100 people attended. All Board members but Kingsberry were there. There was a Mediasite recording which is now available. Interesting and chaotic process that included input from and engaged everyone. Data from interviews was shared in small groups. Everyone's voice was recorded and heard. Transparency and effective communication were key points that were stressed by attendees. Updates will be sent as soon as they are available.
 - Employee Development Day – Jeff Hunt reported that Wed Oct 28 in the morning, we will meet in McAllister auditorium for a general session on assessment. From 8:15-9:15 we will receive marching orders then depart to work within departments on strategic planning and assessment from 9:25-11:45. At 1:00 there will be multiple breakout sessions. The leadership track has some faculty senate sessions/ participative leadership and governance. These will be held on the Moody 4th floor and at the 4:00 drawing there will be prizes from departments. Lisa stressed that she would like senators to please come to the Decision Making Model session to give input.
 - There will be a faculty retreat – proposed date is November 13 12-5 - to do some work around redesigning the senate structure and defining committee work, strategic planning, and future plans.
- Tiffany Cox
 - Instructional Council proposal – AZ/Maricopa CC has a robust pathway model. (PPT attached). Faculty drive this model. There are 250+ pathways that they maintain and update. The Decision Making Model team is clear that the processes already in place will not be put on hold. However, the exception is to include the pathways development in a DMM process now because it is imperative for faculty to be involved in the process. The proposal includes using discipline teams already in place. Faculty are not currently as involved in the transfer process as they should be. We need to track the integrity and rigor of the program to provide adequate program alignment. We also need to be able to advocate for the FOS degrees. Some of this pathway work is already going on informally but we need to formalize the processes in order to maintain faculty involvement. Fabianke's office is using the top ten transfer degrees to build a crosswalk as an advising guide that would advise them in a relatively generic way so that they are able to transfer to multiple universities. By 30 hours, which is the point at which they should choose a transfer institution, all courses should be able to transfer to any institution and after 30 hours, the specific courses needed for their chosen institution will go into play. We need to be vigilant concerning the integration of the disciplines between the five colleges. Mike Burton mentioned that the danger of prescriptive advising guides is that a loss of a tremendous number of courses at the sophomore level could be caused by a limitation to the core options.
- Tammy Perez
 - Faculty mentoring model feedback was received and forwarded to the district team. The team will meet on Oct. 16 to discuss next steps and will disseminate information Nov 6.
 - Faculty Senate website should be up and running soon.

G. Old Business

- New Committee Structure - deferred

H. New Business

- Open Educational Resources – Julie Engel and Lisa Ratliff-Villarreal are the faculty representatives
- Change to Bylaws - deferred

I. Other Business/Announcements

- AAUP information - Mono Aguilar passed out information and will send out an announcement of the next meeting date.

J. Executive Session

K. Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:38 PM.