Minutes - April 12, 2006

Academic Senate
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3:00 p.m. - BC214

Members Present: Blake Barron, Barbara Bell, Susan Broderick, Jim Chesher, Esther Frankel, Jack Friedlander, Tom Garey, Ed Inks, Kelly Lake, Ray Launier, Kathy Molloy (Chair), Kim Monda, Marcy Moore, Elida Moreno, Kathy O’Connor, Peter Rojas, Jan Schultz, Sheri Shields, Erika Tomatore, Oscar Zavala

Member(s) Excused/Absent: Peter Haslund, Laura Welby

Guest(s): Pablo Buckelew, Juan de Joya, Bethany Hopkins (The Channels), Carola Smith, Laurie Vasquez

1.0 Call to Order (3:00-3:05)
1.1 Approval of Minutes – March 22 and 29, 2006
The meeting Minutes for March 22, 2006 were approved without objection.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

2.0 Information (3:05-3:10)
2.1 Welcome back Elida Moreno
2.2 Multicultural Awareness Week at SBCC
Student representative, Juan de Joya, announced that, with the help of a myriad of contributors, the Multicultural Awareness Week at SBCC is to be held, April 24-29.

Some of the events: performances from a multitude of cultures; information booths; food booths; films; displays throughout the campus and scheduled speakers. The goal is to celebrate and raise awareness of diverse groups and individuals at our campus and in our community.

The Senators commented that they were very supportive of such an event. From the schedule of events that are planned, the celebration should be a great success.

1.0 Hearing/Discussion (3:10-4:00)
3.1 Staffing proposal to meet the needs of international students
Dean Pablo Buckelew and Ms. Carola Smith were available to answer any questions and explain how the proposed reorganization would work now that CPC and the Academic Senate unanimously endorsed the increase in cap for international students. There was a provision that went along with this endorsement: that there would be a plan in place to provide adequate staffing and support to coincide proportionately with the increase in the international student enrollment.

Concern was raised about how the increase in international students would affect support for the ELSP area. It was suggested that ELSP be placed in the same
overall structure as the International Students, linking them administratively for 
budgetary purposes, and this would eliminate the need for the reassigned time 
requests for the ELSP coordinator. 

An organizational chart mapping the proposed reorganization plan was requested. 

3.2 Technology Focus Award: Faculty Recognition Committee 
Ms. Kathy Molly reported for Laura Welby that the California Community 
Colleges Chancellor’s Office Technology Awards Program is currently accepting 
nominations for two distinct award categories and one of the awards is the 
Technology Focus Award. The Faculty Recognition Committee at SBCC would 
like to nominate the Health Information Technology/Cancer Information 
Management Program for this award. 

M/S/C To move to action the new Technology Focus Award request and nominee 
recommendation by FRC (Shields/Barron) 1 abstention 

M/S/C To approve the new Technology Focus Award request and nominee 
recommendation by FRC (O’Connor/Schultz) 1 abstention 

3.3 CPC Resource Requests 
Senators met prior to the Academic Senate meeting to review the VP lists of 
priority resource requests. 

Later during the meeting, the EVP reported on the handout of the “General Fund 
– Unrestricted” where the Adjusted budget 2005-06 has identified available 
growth from last year and current year. The information shows there are more 
resources available than previously projected. Based on the adjusted budget 
President/Superintendent stated at EC that he would like to commit $1.5 mil to 
fund the “New Priority Resource Requests By Vice President”, a list of highest 
priorities from the VPs. The $370,000 needed for the first year of ongoing costs to 
implement the Student Success Initiative will be submitted to CPC from EC as its 
number one institutional budget priority. 

M/S/C To endorse the priority proposal funding and the $370,000 needed to 
implement the first year ongoing Student Success Initiative costs and to send the 
Senators with our support to CPC in support of the proposal and funding needed 
(O’Connor/Schultz) 1 abstention 

3.4 Proposal for parking meters 
Ms. Jan Schultz reported that P&R had several concerns about the Business 
Services hourly parking meter proposal. Based on the proposal P&R’s concerns 
are: 
• More people would be driving past the kiosk in search of available meters 
on campus – creating further impact
- There is a lack of adequate turn around space and congestion that would result in and around Lot 1-B and the EBS building – safety issue
- If/when a ticket is issued, the incentive to move the vehicle from a metered space in a timely manner would be removed – enforcement issue
- Would the metered spaces be used for Board members and special meetings or would the staff parking be cordoned off?

P & R would like to view parking on campus holistically and look at how installing meters would fit into that plan. The major faculty priority was to lengthen the faculty only parking hours in the IDC Staff lot and change the parking signs accordingly. The Senate urges that this be done immediately.

The Senators were reminded that the idea originated from a brainstorming session as a way to make money and not from a concern to address and improve the lack of parking and related problems on campus.

The Senators expressed concerns about:
- Meters would create the need for faculty to have parking money during any pick up or drop off trips to the Administration building
- The proposal would create more traffic and safety issues
- We should do nothing - wait to see how the implementation of Banner impacts the parking situation
- Removing free parking would negatively impact music/drama and athletic events

Suggestion:
Create an approved master plan and then implement incrementally based on available resources.

4.0 Action (4:00-4:40)
4.1 Grievance Policy
Senator Jim Chesher, also acting chair of Academic Policies, presented some of AP’s concerns and questions that were addressed in the handout. After review of these concerns, the Senate determined that items number 4 and 8 need further discussion.

4.2 District Technology Plan - handout
Senator Kathy O’Connor reported that P&R has reviewed the “District Technology Strategic Plan” and their recommendations have been included in the updated handout.

M/S/C To approve the recommended “College District Strategic Technology Plan 2005-2008” (Bell/Moreno) Unanimous

4.3 Adjunct Office Hours
No discussion was held. Adjunct Office Hours to be voted on at the next meeting.
4.4 Sabbatical Leave Reports  
M/S/C To approve the Sabbatical Leave Reports (Garey/Monda) Unanimous

5.0 Reports (4:40-5:00)  
5.1 Liaison Reports – see Agenda item 3.4 above

5.2 President’s Report  
Ms. Kathy Molloy reported that, because some Departmental Initiatives in the SSI would need to begin this summer she spoke with the President/Superintendent and the EVP about instituting 1) Proposal for developing a “Writing Across the Curriculum Guide” (David Starkey) and 2) Implementation of linked courses in ES and Personal Development (Lou Spaventa, Sheila Wiley and Scott Brewer). The President and EVP support the funding of these proposals.

5.3 EVP Report  
Dr. Jack Friedlander reported that there is a potential donor/source for the MESA Program (Science/Engineering/Math) with provision for a temporary building and furnishings to house the program. The name suggested for the new temporary building is “The Student Success Center” and would be located behind the LRC.

The donor/source has the potential to provide funding over time to:
1. Fund ongoing student success initiatives
2. Support future expansion/remodel of the LRC/Library facility and replace the temporary building

6.0 Adjourn