Norco Academic Senate Minutes  
October 19, 2009  
1:30-3:30 IT 122

I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by Sharon Crasnow.

II. **Attendees:** Sharon Crasnow, Margarita Shirinian, Carol Farrar, Mark Lewis, Bob Prior, Lyn Greene, Khalil Andacheh, Peggy Campo, Karin Skiba, Deborah Smith, Cathy Brotherton, Jim Thomas, Brittany Halstead (Student-ASNC)

    Guests: Vanessa Sheldon, Diane Dieckmeyer

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Jim Thomas moved to approve the agenda and Karin Skiba seconded. Agenda approved.

IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Karin Skiba moved to approve the minutes for October 5, 2009 as amended and Jim Thomas seconded.

V. **Officer & Liaison Report**

   A. **President (Sharon Crasnow)**
      - Sharon indicated that she will be attending the Fall Plenary Conference in November. She will also attend an Area D Conference, with the area representatives and presidents, prior to the Plenary Conference. They will discuss items that will be presented at the Plenary Conference.
      - Dr. Gray indicated that he feels it is important for the Senate to attend the Spring Plenary Conference. He will look for additional funds to cover this conference.
      - Among documents for the Plenary session is an SLO glossary. Please provide Sharon with any comments regarding the glossary.
      - Sharon attended the Chancellor’s Norco Tailgate Party on Saturday.
      - Reminder from Sharon that tomorrow night is the Board meeting where the Secondary Effects will be presented. Please try to attend.
      - Sharon shared that all three senate presidents agree that there is some confusion in communicating with all the committees. Currently working on a written resolution to describe all the committees’ relationships with each other. We want to make sure that the local senates are the decision making bodies.

   B. **Vice President/Strategic Planning (Carol Farrar)**
      - Standard IV sub-committee proposed to the Co-Chair Council that the membership of all the sub-committees be re-evaluated. Give Carol or Sharon any ideas or comments about reorganization of these groups.
      - Carol reminded everyone one that the hiring priority lists will be voted on at the NSPC meeting next week.
      - Carol emphasized the importance of having good attendance at tomorrow night’s Board meeting to show support for the Secondary Effects project.

   C. **Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Lewis)**
      - Mark Lewis introduced Vanessa Sheldon. She is a member of the Academic Standards Committee.
D. Student Liaison (Brittany Halstead)
- The ASNC is discussing the possibility of having a homecoming event for the soccer team. However, at the current time, the team is considered a part of the Riverside Tigers.
- Brittany reported that they made $500 for one day of the Daniel Vega fundraiser. They received a lot of support from several clubs.
- The ASNC will lend the Norco Choir $5,000 to help them fund their two week trip to South Africa.
- The Norco Performing Art Club will be holding their performance at the Norco Community Center.
- The ASNC will be holding a Town Hall Meeting to update all the students about what is happening on the campus.

E. RCCDFA/CCA/CTA/NEA
- Dorothy Reina was unable to attend and so Sharon and Carol reported on the negotiating committee. CTA negotiating committee has an all day retreat on October 30 (Carol Farrar, Joe Eckstein, and Sharon Crasnow are Norco members). They would like your comments/concerns regarding contract revisions.

VI. Old Business
A. 16 units/18 units limit
- Riverside voted to return to 18 units. Moreno Valley will be voting today. The Norco Senate would like to have Mark DeAsis and a counselor representative attend the next meeting to discuss options and the impact that this policy change would have on Admission and Records.

B. Retreat Rights
- Motion to approve AP 7250 was made by Mark Lewis and seconded by Carol Farrar. Several changes were recommended during discussion. The overall recommendation was that BP 7250 includes a certification committee that mirrors the make-up of the hiring committee. Sharon will incorporate all changes and distribute the proposed revisions. Motion to table was made by Jim Thomas and seconded by Mark Lewis. Motion was rescinded. Motion was made to amend BP 7250 as discussed by Cathy Brotherton and seconded by Karin Skiba. Motion approved.

C. By-laws Revisions
- There will be changes to the by-laws presented at the next meeting.
- Will also discuss a possible budget committee

VII. New Business
A. Supporting Academic Innovation and Achievement
- Sharon shared that Chancellor Gray would like to see more support and recognition of faculty and student achievements. Wants to share this information with the public. Sharon has put a list of some the faculty achievements on the Academic Senate website, but would like to hear other ideas from the committee members.

B. Norco Faculty Lecturer
• Brief discussion about having a Norco Faculty Lecturer. It was decided that this would be discussed further in the Spring when Norco is a college.

VIII. Committee Reports
   A. Curriculum Committee
      • No Report

   B. Academic Planning Council
      • No Report

   C. Academic Standards (District)
      • Mark Lewis is chair of this committee.
      • The committee discussed the number of voting members there should be for each campus.

   D. Associate Faculty Committee
      • No Report

IX. Open Hearing
   • No comments.

X. Adjournment – 3:30pm