Norco Academic Senate Minutes  
October 20, 2008  
1:30PM-3:30PM ST 107

I. Meeting called to order at 1:30PM

II. Attendees: Mark Lewis, Daniel Vega, Carol Farrar, Cathy Brotherton, Dorothy Reina, Sharon Crasnow, Dina Humble, Zina Chacon (Members); Maria Maness, Dr. Dieckmeyer, and Dr. Gonzales, Dr. Loewenstein (Guests)

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 15, 2008. Dorothy Reina motioned for approval, Mark Lewis seconded. A correction was suggested for page 2 (see revised minutes), Old Business amended to read: “Dina Humble expressed a need to revisit the areas of emphasis.”; in item V. CTA rather than CCA. The minutes were approved with changes.

IV. Officer and Liaison Reports
A. President’s report - The chancellor cancelled last week’s meeting. We are trying to reschedule.
   Tom, Sharon, Gaither and Dr. Davis met for their first of standing meetings between senate and administration.
   District Senate met last week at 9 am. Things discussed included assessment. Arend Flick’s report on GE Assessment recommends that general education requirements should be reviewed regularly. They have not been reviewed for a long time. The district senate agreed that this should be done. A committee will be formed to do this. It is recommended that this be a standing committee of the Academic Senate. In the past it was discussed the Academic Standards committee would review these but this seems like too large a task for a committee of this size.
   Another issue discussed at District senate was the designation of voting members. Moving the district curriculum meeting to another time and place instead of having if after the regular curriculum was also discussed.
   Sharon will attend the Area D state senate meeting Oct. 25 and email a report to senators. We will have a voting member at the State Senate meeting in Los Angeles Nov. 6-8.

B. No VP report.
C. No secretary/treasurer report.
D. No student liaison report.
E. CTA- Dariush is encouraging members to attend tomorrow’s Board of Trustee meeting at Riverside. Faculty attendance at the meeting is needed.

   • Where is our bond money? We need to know since we have financial position that is unsure.

   • CTA meeting will be held 10/22/08 meeting at Norco and it will be televised. It is following the Faculty meeting at 2 pm.
• CCA conference wants to point out that AB88 is to be used to compensate part-time faculty. It is in the efforts of bring part-time faculty to parity in pay.

V. Academic Planning Council Report
   A. Tim Wallstrom was unable to attend so Carol Farrar reported on APC district retreat. The first part was a discussion on how chairs handled various duties. Suggestions and good practices were shared.
   Dr. Hendrick spoke and he said that no pink slips will be handed out. He also confirmed that funding of programs and staff that we will have to wait for additional funds for both MV and Norco. Dr. Hendrick did confirm that we will get the 5 promised positions for Norco.

VI. New Business
A. Matriculation report – The matriculation advisory report met and has a report that goes to the chancellor’s office. It has been revised and we have an electronic copy that shows the changes. It has been reviewed by matriculation department advisory committee, by Dr. Gonzales, Debbie DiThomas, Dr. Loewenstein.
Zina Chacon, Mark Lewis and Daniel Vega served on a reviewing group so we asked if they had comments. They did not. Mark Lewis motioned that it be approved and Cathy Brotherton seconded it. It was approved by all.

B. Student Equity committee looks at student data to see if there are gaps with success. As the committee identifies gaps, they want to close the gaps with student’s success. Right now we have a 35% persistence rate. Nationally it is 50%. California’s rate is 44%. This was shared by Dr. Gonzales. They are working on a plan to be presented in June or July 2009. He is waiting for trend data from the last 3 years.
A discussion occurred regarding whether we should have a standing committee to help improve this situation. Mark Lewis motioned that we have a standing committee of the Academic Senate for Student Equity. Cathy Brotherton suggested we table this until next meeting.

Dr. Loewenstein mentioned that tomorrow there is a meeting at 9 am about the budget prior to the board meeting. The meeting is with Dr. Davis, Dr. Dieckmeyer and Dr. Loewenstein. Sharon will attend this meeting. We may have to suggest some drastic reduction for next year. He shared a budget with us the senate.

Daniel motioned that Sharon talk about the Academic Senate’s dissatisfaction and overall implication of the inequitable budget proposed for next year. Zina Chacon 2nd this motion. All approved this.

Sharon -- General education SLO’s. She is asking the senate what they think of forming a District General Education SLO ad-hoc committee. As a group we would like a fair representation for this committee.

Senate goals -
Goal 3 make this change to the end “with its own bylaws.”
Goal 1 make this change - “To review and revise the bylaws to stream line the processes.”
Add Goal 5 “To advocate for an equitable application of the Budget Allocation Model .”
A motion was made by Sharon to accepting the first reading of F0108 senate goals and a 2nd was made by Dorothy Reina. This was approved by all.

VII. Committee Reports
   A. Curriculum – no report.
   B. Curriculum report – nothing to share.
   C. DAC had it first committee meeting on Thursday 10/15/08.
They discussed the district ad-hoc committee recommendation.
   D. Strategic Planning – no report
   E. PGSL - – no report
   F. Part time report – no report

VIII. Open Hearing – Zina C. talked about the priority registration. There will be hearing on this to discuss the need for something in the Puente program.

IX. Adjourned at 3:35 pm.