Minutes of the March 16, 2009, Meeting
Norco Academic Senate

The meeting was held in ST 107 and begun at 1:45 pm.

Senators present: Debbie Tompsett-Makin, Cathy Brotherton; Jim Thomas, Dina Humble, Tom Wagner, Carol Farrar

Visitors: Diane Dieckmeyer, Gaither Loewenstein

A quorum was not present; however an informal discussion took place.

Dean of Instruction report —

- We are applying for another Title V grant. The areas that are being considered in the area of student development.
  - Academic side – developing computer gaming program. This proposal would be for working with a variety of disciplines.
  - It would be $575,000 per year.

New Business

- Online Student Aid – The discussion surrounded around the question of whether students can be a student aid online and have access to other student’s records. This is not allowed and this was confirmed by Open Campus.

Old Business

- Chancellor’s Search – a decision has been made but we have not been told yet. He is coming here to visit this week. An announcement will be made soon.
- Administration Retreat Policies and Procedures
  - The city campus feels that the Academic senate should have more say in this process.
    - If the school doesn’t have the money or an opening in their field they will not be offered the job.
    - The academic senate will be able to give an opinion on the change.
    - We as a senate should not have any authority over the amount of pay if this happens.
    - In making a request for a faculty position the administrator must be specify campus, then the chancellor will give it to the college president. The college [president will discuss this with the camps department.
  - Elections – each department needs to select two representatives for the spring semester. We have had small attendance so far this semester.

Committee Reports

- Program Review report from Jim Thomas
  - Completed program review student services for fall semester. They are currently working on the administrative program review for the district. A few of the administrative departments for our campus are being reviewed.
- They are training departments that need it for the annual program review now.
- The program review committee members are meeting every 3 weeks during spring semester because they are now reviewing campus, student services, and administration all in one year now.

- **PGSL committee** by Carol Farrar there are no sabbatical next year.

- **Norco Self Study** by Dr. Lowenstein has been reviewed by ---- and will then go by the district with comments from each group to be added. David Mills is then going to edit it and give it back to Dr. L by 3/30/2009.

- Strategic Planning co-chairs and Norco Strategic Planning Committee will review it too. It will be reviewed by Academic Senate on 4/6/2009. We need the senators to read through this and be prepared to comment on it at our meeting. Put particular emphasis on reading the first two sections and specifically the accreditation section you worked on.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p**