IVC Academic Senate

Approved Minutes March 1, 2006

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 by James Patterson

Present: Olga Artechi, Jeff Beckley, Roberta Bemis, Dennis Carnes, Dave Drury, Kelli Florman, Suzanne Gretz, Cesar Guzman, Greg Larson, Mary Lofgren, James Patterson, Dierdre Rowley, Patrick Staten, Mariaelena Thibodeaux, Cathy Zazueta, Victor Zazueta, Lianna Zhao, Sherry Zobell, Monica Bulong, Eric Jacobson, Kendra Jeffcoat

Excused: Mary Kay Borchard, Karen Collins

Absent:

Visitors: Nina Blair, Juan Cruz, Gonzalo Huerta, Victor Jaime, Carol Lee, Paul Pai, Valerie Rodgers, Ed Scherelle, Joe Vogel, Mary Jo Wainwright, Vicky Warner, Jack Williams, Rose Marie Wood, Robin Ying

II. CCCCO Presentation – Vicky Warner and Dr. Juan Cruz

Vicky Warner- lead for non credit from the Chancellor's Office. According to Ed Code, a school may offer education to the community via non-credit in 9 areas: ESL, basic skills, immigrant education, workforce development, civic education, program for substantially disabled students, health and safety, consumer education and science, and older adult programs. Non-credit is another term for adult education. There is a myth that non-credit is less rigorous than credit courses and will deplete the credit courses. Vicky is convinced that non-credit acts as a portal to credit courses, citing that 2/3 of credit students have taken non-credit classes. Statistics show that non-credit, if designed in the correct manner, will help grow the credit side of the institution.

Juan Cruz- lead on ESL and basic skills. The students that institutions would be reaching out to with non-credit courses are those with a 3rd grade education or the ESL population. Non-credit courses will help those needing basic education (1-8 grades) or refresher courses in secondary education (9-12 grades).

III. Visitor Comments

Eric Jacobson requested agenda item VI #5 be moved forward so that it could be discusses while a full quorum of the senate is available.

IV. Information/Correspondence

- 1. Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar
- 2. 13 February 2006 ACCJC Report
- 3. Announcement of new Senate officers for 06-07
- 4. The resolution on grade challenge will be on the next agenda.

V. Consent Agenda

M/S/C (Gretz/Guzman) to approve the minutes of 7 December 2005 and 15 February 2006.

VI. Academic and Professional Matters

- 1. Funds were collected for the Barbara Worth Jr. High Library Improvement.
- 2. M/S/C (Gretz/Guzman) authorizing the Senate President to file a formal complaint with the Systems Office over the Administration's failure to consult collegially with the Academic Senate on the list of programs slated for possible elimination/reduction, based upon the actions of the Board of Trustees in their approval of Resolution 13477, which was passed during their board meeting, 21 February 06. If the motion passes there will be a minority report sent also. (2 nays)

Items discussed:

- board policy concerning reductions in force
- administration should divulge their formula used to make these reductions
- reductions will hurt the students and exposes the college to a poor recommendation from the accreditation team
- definition of the Academic Senate's prevue as stated by Title V of the Ed Code
- student learning is taking a back seat to the budget bottom line
- the effects of the reductions on many areas of the college
- CTA and Senate roll in program reductions
- the Ponce Method
- was the proper process circumvented

Carol Lee asked that the record show she did not receive the email James Patterson sent to Dr. Pai concerning Program Elimination/Reduction.

Kelli Florman made a public request to get the data used in determining which programs would be cut, stating "we can't give input if we don't have the data."

Dr. Pai – it is not his desire to cut programs. The board's resolution was about the methodology of a reduction if it is needed. The administration will share the data that is being asked for and after reviewing it, the senate can agree or disagree with the reduction list. If they don't agree then they need to come up with another list. The administration is trying to come up with a solution and have specialists that are working on this goal.

An inquiry was made as to what the senate wanted to accomplish if this motion was to pass. The three consequences mentioned were: to set precedence, possible sanctions would be meted out, showing that the process was not followed, and if we never asked for help, we could end up like Compton.

Dave Drury expressed his concern about the finger pointing and vindictiveness that is happening on campus.

3. M/S/F (Drury/Carnes) to approve revised budget development guidelines to be forwarded to the governing board.

The senators were concerned about the item stating to maintain the minimum reserve at 5%.

The following items were postponed until the next meeting.

- 4. Recommendation from Information Competency Task
- 5. Review all associate degree programs and to identify specific programs for development of program-level Student Learning Outcomes.

VII. Committees

- 1. Curriculum & Instruction Jeffcoat approved 6 pages of curricula. Carol Lee received thanks for developing a new format for the agenda and minutes
- 2. Equivalency none
- 3. Planning and Budget Zhao 2/22/06 meeting was cancelled because of negotiations. Committee will meet March 9.
- 4. Standards and Practices nominations for Rafael Santo's award are being requested.
- 5. Educational Policies Gretz meeting was cancelled.
- 6. Faculty Professional Development- none
- 7. College Council Cathy Zazueta meetings will be at 2:30 from now on. Code of ethics was passed. Items discussed included the committee on grant writing and investigation into the cost savings of volunteer furloughs.
- 8. Administrative Council Carnes items discussed: bogus 1099s are under control, Dr. Jeffcoat's agony over no help in her office, Nursing has applied for 2 grants, Quickstart Grant for technology.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.