

IVC Academic Senate

Approved Minutes
November 16, 2005

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by James Patterson.

Present: Olga Artech, Roberta Bemis, Mary Kay Borchard, Dennis Carnes, Karen Collins, Dave Drury, Kelli Florman, Suzanne Gretz, Cesar Guzman, Greg Larson, James Patterson, Val Rodgers, Deirdre Rowley, Patrick Staten, Mariaelena Thibodeaux, Cathy Zazueta, Victor Zazueta, Lianna Zhao, Sherry Zobell, Monica Bulong, Kendra Jeffcoat

Excused: Eric Jacobson

Absent: Mary Lofgren

Visitors: Marion Boenheim, Krista Byrd, Gloria Camona, Ted Cesar, Dawn Chun, Gonzalo Huerta, Carol Lee, Jan Magno, Toni Pfister, Efrain Silva, Kathie Westerfield

II. Visitor Comments

III. Information/Correspondence

There is an old board policy establishing Emeritus Professors, Patterson will write a draft proposal to be sent to the board to affirm it as new policy.

IV. Consent Agenda

The minutes of November 2, 2005 were approved as corrected. M/S/C (Bemis/Carnes)

V. Report on SLOCAC Workshop, November 4, in San Diego

Patterson attended the 3rd installment of a 4 meeting workshop. He reported we were where we need to be. The next step is to take the 5 principles and turn them into 5 outcomes and then identify programs and “gatekeeper” classes. A flyer will be distributed to all faculty members announcing a staff development activity on Institutional Student Learning Outcomes workshops.

VI. M/S/C (Borchard/Thibodeaux) to take Discussion item #6 out of order.

Administrative Leadership –

Kelli Florman read a prepared statement, “Is Our Shared Governance Broken?” A copy is in the Academic Senate files.

Items discussed by others concerning administrative leadership

- Health insurance fee
- What is the Senate’s roll in the budget crisis
- Division chairs were asked to increase FTES and give back raises
- What is the plan if we don’t reach our projected growth?
- What is the plan for different scenarios?
- Less information has been shared over the last two weeks.
- The winter and spring schedules are a mess.

James Patterson will call a study session meeting for November 30, 1:30 p.m. in the Board room. There will not be any action items at this meeting. He will write a letter to Dr. Pai about the Senate’s concerns, ccing to all senators.

VI. Academic and Professional Matters

1. Resolution 52 – Change in Withdrawal (Drop) Deadline (Bemis/Rowley) second reading.

Results of the surveys

Withdrawal date as a % of the semester	62%	70%	75%
Results as a % of those that responded			
Full-time faculty(54)	79	12	7
Adjunct faculty(16)	38	25	37
Students (250)	23	23	54

Roll Call vote - 9 yes, 5 no, 2 abstentions. Resolution passed.

2. M/S/Withdrawn (Larson/Guzman) Approval of ACCESO Objectives
Gloria Carmona indicated that the ACCESO project did not need Academic Senate approval of the objectives, but was seeking registration priority for an ACCESO student cohort. She was referred to Kathie Westerfield and Carol Lee.
3. Resolution 53 – Limit for Grade Challenges (Zobell/Carnes) first reading
There was lengthy discussion of the need for a limit to the time students have to challenge a final grade. Kathie Westerfield qualified that a related matter (withdrawals) was not included in the resolution and should be dealt with separately. Additional discussion centered on the resolution’s recommendation that faculty keep grading materials for five years. This was considered a severe burden on faculty, particularly adjunct faculty.
M/S/C (Carnes/Bemis) to strike the second resolve.
M/S/C (Florman/Guzman) to table the resolution until the Senate can get more information.
4. Response to “Thaw” committee “Exception Criteria”
Ted Cesar provided the Senate with information pertaining to the action of College Council on November 21 to approve the exception criteria. Discussion followed related to the role of College Council (in general) and concerns about how the exception criteria might be interpreted or applied. Procedures for addressing new and replacement faculty hiring are already in place and working, as evidenced by the Curriculum & Instruction Committee’s re-prioritization of the 17 positions currently unfilled with tenure-track instructors and the Senate’s subsequent recommendation to the Superintendent/President to hire (5) full-time temporary instructors for the spring semester.
M/S/C (Borchard/Thibodeaux) to affirm that hiring exception criteria for faculty is outside the jurisdiction of the college council; it is an area of mutual agreement between the governing board and the Academic Senate.

- VII. M/S/C (Guzman/Gretz) to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.