District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015
Los Angeles Valley College, Student Services Conference Room
MINUTES

Attendance

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<th>Officers</th>
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<td>City</td>
<td>Dan Wanner, John Freitas, Kamale Gray</td>
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<td>East</td>
<td>Alex Immerblum, Jeff Hernandez, Lurelean Gaines</td>
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<td>Harbor</td>
<td>Susan McMurray, William Hernandez</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Leslie Milke, Angela Echeverri</td>
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<td>Pierce</td>
<td>Anna Bruzzese, Joanna, Zimring-Towne</td>
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<td>Southwest</td>
<td>Alistaire Callender</td>
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<td>Trade</td>
<td>Wally Hanley, Inhae Ahn, Lourdes Brendt</td>
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<td>Valley</td>
<td>Josh Miller, LaVergne Rosow, Vic Fusilero</td>
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<td>West</td>
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<td>Guests</td>
<td>Ayesha Randall (Trade Tech)</td>
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Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda: President Don Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM. The agenda was adopted as amended with no objections (Rosow/Milke MSC)

Approval of the Minutes: The May 14, 2015 minutes were approved. (Rosow/Gaines MSC)
Abstentions: Wanner

Public Speakers: None

Old Business/Discussion

1. Collegial Consultation Process and Task Force on Revising Chancellor Directive 70
   Gauthier reported on the status of the review and revision of the consultation process. A task force was established to review Chancellor’s Directive 70. It was noted that “collegial consultation” should be reserved for the DAS. Another term needs to used. The members are Don Gauthier, Adrianna Barrera, Bobbi Kimble and a classified representative.

2. Hiring issues and FON Status
   Gauthier noted that there will be 230 new hires for 2015-2016. It was noted that staffing in Human Resources needs to be increased to handle the workload. Zimring-Towne asked what kind of outreach and recruitment efforts would be
made beyond posting on the CCC Registry. There are concerns about the
diversity of our hiring pools. Gauthier noted that there are finds to advertise in
publications beyond the Registry. Milke noted that special efforts were made at
Mission to advertise more widely than usual and it made a significant difference.
Echeverri recommended that this be discussed at the next consultation with the
chancellor. Rosow noted that there used to be a centralized application process
and wondered if consideration could be given to return to that system. J.
Hernandez noted that this would require common desirable qualifications.
Milke noted that screening of minimum qualifications of applicants under the
current system needs to be improved. Freitas noted that the expanding the
diversity of faculty ranks through improved recruitment and hiring practices is a
top priority of the Chancellor’s Office. Freitas asked about the possibility of extra
funds for mid-year hires. Hernandez noted that additional funds have been
made available by the state to move closer to 75/25, but the colleges have until
fall 2016 to fill additional positions.

3. Single district CMS/LMS and savings
Gauthier briefed the DAS on a proposal to adopt Canvas as the CMS and to use
the savings from adoption for additional professional development and
resources.

4. Mathematica/Wolfram Software
Gauthier noted that individual campus are spending $50,000 for the software.
The district will purchase a district-wide license at a cost of $57,000. Faculty will
and students will be able to download the software and use on their own
computers. An RFP for a three-year contract will be released to select a vendor
for the software beyond 2015-2016. McMurray noted concerns from online
faculty about price increases after the contract expires. Gauthier noted that this
is simply a district-wide resource that is available to use on a voluntary basis, and
the math faculty district-wide are supportive.

5. DBC Membership Need
Gauthier announced that two DAS appointees to the District Budget Committee
are needed. DBC meets 1:30-3:30 on the Wednesday between Board meetings.
The current DAS appointees are Don Gauthier, Jeff Hernandez, Joe Perret and
Leslie Milke.

Action items
1. Approve DCC Recommendation for aligning local GE patterns with new LACCD
21-unit GE
Freitas introduced his concerns about the appearance that this appears to
require senates to assign specific GE plans to degrees and submitted an
amendment to the resolution, but also suggested that everything should be
referred to Exec for further clarification. There was much discussion and it was
unclear to some what the purpose of the main resolution was. J. Hernandez
noted that this resolution appeared to simply be about requesting that revise
their local GE policies to align with the revision to the board rules. Freitas
wondered why this needed to be done since the board rule applies the 21-unit plan, CSU Breadth and IGETC across the district and no longer allows colleges to establish additional GE patterns and suggested the resolution was moot since there is no need for specific GE patterns to be aligned with degrees. Zimring-Towne noted that colleges will need to make changes for the SIS degree auditing function. A motion was made to refer to the amendment and main motion to the Executive Committee (Rosow/J. Hernandez MSC)

Nays: Brendt
Abstentions: None

2. **Approve DAS dues increase**
The motion to increase the dues to $400 per campus was introduced and approved without objection. (Milke/Gaines, MSC)

New Business

1. **Announcement of DAS Secretary Election at October meeting**
   Gauthier announced to the body that Freitas is stepping down as secretary of the DAS due to increased statewide duties. Vic Fusilero had volunteered to run for secretary. Gauthier recommended that he be approved as the secretary by acclamation (Hanley/Echeverri MSC).

2. **District MOU with Mexican Consulate**
   Gauthier stated that there is a program with the Mexican government that seeks to bring 100,000 Mexican citizens to the United States the purpose of cultural and intellectual exchange. The chancellor is working on a memorandum of understanding with the Mexican Consulate.

3. **Student Success Scorecard Report**
   Gauthier stated that the results of the latest Scorecard are not good and that we as a district are near the bottom of the state. Biggest improvement was in persistence. The district did worse than before in ESL, remedial English and in completions.

4. **DAS Online Education Committee**
   The first meeting of the DAS Online Education Committee will be September 22, 10:00 -12:00 in the 4th floor conference room at the Educational Services Center. J. Hernandez expressed concern that there is still not a formal structure for the committee and that Exec still needs to establish that structure. Gauthier noted that the current DE Stakeholders are an informal group that doesn’t really report to any specific body.

5. **2015-2016 Cohort Day**
   Gauthier reported that the chancellor expressed interest in establishing a program that would bring the newly/recently hired faculty together at an event to welcome them to the LACCD. Zimring-Towne noted that concerns had been expressed at Pierce that this would supersede college professional development activities for new faculty. McMurray expressed concerns about who is going to...
do this and when. J. Hernandez wondered why the college presidents weren’t being encouraged to consult collegially with the college senates on establishing such programs for new faculty. Milke stated that the focus needs to be at the campus level. Zimring-Towne expressed the opinion that the college presidents don’t put much effort into supporting local professional development efforts. McMurray noted that tenure is a four-year process and that first-year faculty need to focus on teaching in their first year and then through professional development should grow as professionals during the remainder of their tenure period.

Noticed for October/Future Actions

1. **Election of Secretary to replace John Freitas**
   Moot with the approval of Vic Fusilero as new secretary by acclamation. See above.

2. **Resolutions**
   - **To adopt Instructure/Canvas as single District-wide CMS**
     J. Hernandez inquired why the DAS needed to take a position on this motion in October when colleges are still in the process of reviewing possible adoption of Canvas. Gauthier indicated that the district is concerned about making sure that the CMS can be linked to the new PeopleSoft SIS system. Gauthier also noted the concern that if the faculty don’t establish support on their own, the Board is likely to make a decision on their own. Freitas noted that the DE Stakeholders CMS task force found moving to a single CMS is feasible. J. Hernandez noticed as a motion for October that the district ensure that colleges maintain their existing CMS contracts so that they can be maintained in parallel with possible local adoptions of Canvas. Gauthier requested that senators go back to their IT and DE people at their campuses to make sure that their faculty take time to review it.
   - **To direct campus savings from adoption of Canvas to professional development training in Canvas, online tutoring and other services**
   - **To encourage adoption of MOU with Mexican Consulate regarding cultural/educational exchanges**
   - **Resolution is support of DAS Professional Development College**
     PowerPoint handout provided.

Reports

1. **Committee Reports**
   - **Election Committee**
     No report.
   - **AB 86 Status Report**
     Nothing really new to report at this time.

2. **President’s Report**
Trustee Svonkin was appointed to Tuition-Free Task Force by President Obama.
Angela Echeverri was appointed to co-chair DPAC with Maury Pearl. Lourdes
Brendt is chairing the Professional Development College. Adrienne Foster was
appointed to the ASCCC Executive Committee as South Representative. A senate
appointee to the Bond Steering Committee is needed to replace David Beaulieu.
DAS appointees are needed for the Online Education Committee. The Student
Success Committee needs to be revamped to be a working committee. College
teams are needed for the DAS Summit ASAP. Colleges should send eight faculty
and eight administrators. It will be held in Monarch Hall. Membership for Alta-
Sea was approved and will go to the Board. Attempts will be made to schedule
TPPC meetings at times that more people can meet.

3. First VP Report
   a. Equivalency Committee
      Next meeting is Monday, September 14. The committee needs
      representatives from Trade, Mission and Southwest.
   b. DPAC
      A number of campuses were having issues with the accreditation
template the district put together. At the September 18th meeting DPAC
      will discuss the template. Echeverri expressed concern that the
      chancellor isn’t really aware of the situation with accreditation efforts.

4. Second VP Report
   No report. Gauthier explained that Atondo had to leave due to a personal
   emergency.

5. Treasurer’s Report
   Immerblum provided his report on DAS finances.

Other Items
Lourdes Brendt and Ayesha Randall made a presentation on the DAS Professional
Development College

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:24

Respectfully submitted by John Freitas, DAS Secretary