District Academic Senate Exec Meeting
Friday, Mar. 18 2016
ESC, 9:30am-12:00pm
MINUTES

Attendance

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<td>Officers</td>
<td>Don Gauthier (President), Angela Echeverri (1st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2nd VP: Curriculum), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer)</td>
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<td>Local Senate Presidents:</td>
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<td>City</td>
<td>Dan Wanner</td>
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<td>East</td>
<td>Alex Immerblum</td>
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<td>Harbor</td>
<td>Susan McMurray</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Leslie Milke</td>
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<td>Pierce</td>
<td>Anna Bruzzese</td>
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<td>Southwest</td>
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<td>Trade</td>
<td>Wally Hanley</td>
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<td>Valley</td>
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<td>Adrienne Foster</td>
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<td>Guests</td>
<td>David Beaulieu</td>
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Call to Order at 9:56am

Approval of Agenda: Immerblum asked to add PD Coordinator to the agenda (Echeverri/Miller MSC).

Approval of Minutes: Approved as amended (Hanley/McMurray MSC). Abstentions: Bruzzesse

Public Speakers: none

Action Items:
1. Vote to support Student Affairs Committee Resolution on AB798 and notice for April 14 DAS:

Gauthier explained there is $4 million in play from SB 1052 for the adoption of these kinds of materials. It is tied to the desire of students to reduce the cost of textbooks. This has been brought up in the past and the DAS has been supportive, but textbook prices continue to rise. It is difficult for faculty to accept the idea of not having the academic freedom to select their own textbooks.
The students have written a resolution. Trustee Hoffman is attending the SAC (Student Affairs Committee) meetings and wants to bring forth a resolution to the Board and asked Gauthier if DAS would support the resolution.
Miller sent this out to faculty and stated that faculty had expressed concern about CID accepting these open source textbooks.
The ASCCC supported AB 798. Each college was supposed to come up with a plan. Miller explained the ASCCC sent emails with a template, with each college able to apply for $50,000 in grants to support the plan and to use the open educational resources. Gauthier stated each college needs to come up with a plan on its own and to develop a template. He asked DAS Exec members to take this back to their colleges for discussion. Immerblum expressed concern about both the quality of the materials and academic freedom. Bruzzese concurred. Gauthier recalled that Barbara Illowsky gave a Plenary presentation on open source materials for 50 different disciplines. Beaulieu recalled that 3-4 years ago there was a push from the legislature and state senate, but there was a lot of concern from faculty. Gauthier will call for a vote on this and then take an explanation back to the SAC and Board. Gauthier stressed the urgency to come up with a plan by June 30, which would require that such plans go to the Board by May. DAS could prepare a resolution that expresses that DAS support the students, but this issue remains primarily one of academic freedom for faculty. Nevertheless, the faculty can still work on finding cheaper textbooks. McMurray asked about the markup; Gauthier replied it is 28% and set by Board rules. Echeverri suggested asking the Board to review the Board rule that sets the markup for the textbooks.

2. Professional Development Coordinator Position:
Immerblum reported that East just hired a full-time PD Coordinator, who will coordinate both Flex and opening day. There is a classified director that will work with staff and administrators. These two will work together when needed. The Exec wants the freedom to have a faculty coordinator, but they are concerned about the Personnel Commission (PC) and the Board may threaten this. Pierce brought a position for a classified PD Director to the Personnel Commission, which was pulled due to objections from DAS and AFT. Ryan Corner said the Personnel Commission would not allow both positions to exist on campuses. Bruzzese said a position was advertised to faculty. Pierce has 3 professional development committees: one that sits in Senate, one that is college wide, and, per the contract, a professional growth committee, which distributes money. Pierce is aspiring to have a similar structure to East’s. Gauthier said if it uses the title of “Director,” then the Personnel Commission would object. Immerblum stated this should have nothing to do with an ISA Coordinator position. Immerblum stated he wants the DAS to support our ability to push this director position through without waiting for Pierce, but Gauthier stated the Personnel Commission might object to this tactic. DAS must get the AFT and Board members to support us. Milke reported that Mission applied for the position of director for the Eagle’s Nest in June, but it stalled because of the PC. Wanner stated City has another PD position and expressed concern whether this would prevent City from keeping their current position. Motion to support a draft to immediately pursue a Professional Development position (Milke/Miller MSC). Gauthier will bring the draft to consultation on March 28.
Old Business:

1. BR Chapter XVIII: Academic Senate and Board of Trustees Shared Governance Policy violations (E65):

Gauthier reported there is no news, except that we can’t get a date for the technical assistance visit until after April 2016. The new vice chancellor Ryan Cornner will be handling this. Miller stated his VP claimed that the paper gives VPs final approval before going to the Board; Atondo stated they get final review but not approval.

Gauthier asked to take this back to the Curriculum committees and get feedback. Gauthier stated the paper includes the role of the articulation officer. The chancellor has been gone since the day of the exit interview (last Thursday). He will continue to prod Ryan and the Chancellor, to whom he sent a copy of the paper. Immerblum asked Atondo to meet with Cornner about this issue. Cornner called Pam Walker at State and asked why they were not supporting it. Immerblum recalled that DAS members challenged the Chancellor on E-65 for 20 minutes, but there was no movement. Local colleges can change the routing to bypass the administrator approval. Miller stated Endrijonas wanted clarity on E-65 and her concerns have been addressed; she has been routed out of the approval process. Atondo stated that at about 67% of colleges state-wide, curriculum goes straight from Curriculum Committee to Board. Atondo added that at most colleges, the curriculum dean is a nonvoting member of the committee.

New Business:

1. Reports on Accreditation visits:

Gauthier asked about the things that the ACCJC visiting teams had missed. Immerblum replied that the team did not identify allocation problems. Gauthier stated that allocation was addressed in some of the college recommendations. He stated that it was obvious that the teams had trouble understanding how the District functions. McMurray felt that the teams were not as well prepared as she had hoped. Callender added that most team members were from multi-campus districts.

Immerblum stated that two reps visited East’s senate meeting and stopped the meeting to ask members questions (e.g. “Do you tie SLOs to grades?” “And evaluations?”), which he felt to be rude. Miller felt most of Valley questions were soft (e.g. “What are you most proud of?”). Hanley stated Trade’s report was 3,000 pages with documents and most had read it. The team questions were very gentle. McMurray reported that the food inspector shut Harbor’s culinary down the morning of the exit interview. Pierce’s exit interview was cryptic and its main recommendation was on technology. Echeverri stated that the commission was sometimes tougher on the colleges than the accreditation teams. McMurray expressed concern that Harbor’s team had not read their midterm report.

2. First Day, Second Tier Registration Proposal for LACCD-Athletes:

Student athletes have priority enrollment in a period after that for the five mandatory priority groups (DSPS, EOPS, Foster, Veterans, etc.) but before the rest of the students. Registration is getting a lot of pressure from NCAA to give student athletes priority, which would require a change in the Board rule. We had a conversation about athletes and international students when student athlete
priority was discussed. Gauthier said athletes have very high success rates, and they are now asking us to consider their special needs. Miller added that the numbers are very low, because many athletes fall into one of the five protected categories already. Gauthier added student athletes make up less than 1% of students. They fall behind and lose both their eligibility and scholarships when they don’t get the courses they need. Immerblum stated that student athlete priority needs to be discussed at the local senates. Gauthier will talk with Dean of Educational Support Services Bobbi Kimble or Vice Chancellor Ryan Corrner about how this can be done, if it requires special coding in the registration system as well as changing the Board Rule language. Immerblum asked if we could add another group and if we could know this before we bring it to the senates. Gauthier said the other approach would be for student athletes to get a waiver to be included among the five priority groups for a 4- to 6-hour registration window. Gauthier added it is not our problem to determine how it will happen; it is up to the District to decide. There may be an SIS change order for an additional cost. McMurray asked if other campuses had a CHAMPS program for athletes, which helps them get through their programs. Echeverri noted that Harbor had received a commendation for their CHAMPS program. Miller stated time is of the essence because Valley is seeking to implement this in the fall. Support of LACCD Student Athlete Second Tier Registration Motion to support athletics directors request to have a window of time of 4-6 hours for enrollment of student athletes each semester after the mandated tier 1 enrollment is completed (Milke/Hanley MSC). Bruzzesse, Atondo, Immerblum were absent).

Dan Wanner stated his college has no student athletes.

Miller talked about Board Rule 467: Reasons for Dismissal: Moodiness, resentment of authority, marked increase or loss of weight, necessity for frequent rest periods.

AB798-College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015:

PDC DHLI Connection:

Area C Resolutions + Publication (Discussion):
Gauthier and others discussed several ASCCC resolutions to be discussed at Area C.
i) 19.01 S16 Support for Open Educational Resources Coordinators:
This includes a Textbook Affordability Campus Coordinator position, which will coordinate the program. This would require the adoption of 10 course sections.

ii) 18.01 Develop Retesting Guidelines for the Common Assessment:
Gauthier stated they are urging local control, but he is awaiting guidelines.

Reports:

President’s Report

DBC: There is a new representative from Pierce who will replace Joe Perret. There is a new Vice Chancellor of Finance and Resource Development, Dr. Robert Miller, who comes from Pasadena City College and is Jeanette Gordon’s boss. Jeff Hernandez is an official member of the committee now. We have 18% in reserve ($118 million) and are sitting on it. There are four colleges in the red (City, Harbor, Southwest, and West). East’s balance is down to $3 million, which they have spent and of which some has gone to the reserves. Beaulieu suggested that Gauthier bring it up in consultation. Last section is the plan for mandated cost reimbursement.

Bond: Problems include lack of shared governance and people being taken off projects. Tom Donovan will take over for AECOM, replacing Bill Sewell. Jim O'Reilly had recently returned from personal leave. The Bond Committee has been meeting and needs to address how decisions are being made at the campuses. Donovan stated these things happen when a program winds down. McMurray stated that the lack of transparency is a major problem because even the Harbor president was not kept in the decision-making loop when the project manager was removed. Milke discussed concerns about the multimedia building at Mission, the construction of which has been delayed for years and for which there is not enough funding to support the program. Gauthier reported that the Board is aggressively exploring the possibility of a new bond program. Miller stated that Valley’s president is working on a new list of projects. Beaulieu presented the whole argument that the new bond is destroying AECOM consolidation.

Enrollment: It looks like we are not going to make our 4.62%. They are going to have to revise the numbers. It will go to EC-DBC and DBC.

Concurrent Enrollment: Gauthier has been meeting with the LAUSD task force. A lot is happening behind the scenes as both district moves toward an MOU. Gauthier reminded the LAUSD of MQs needed to teach our classes.

2nd VP Report: Atondo reported that CurricuNet is moving along. Dan Keller has been our faculty lead, but she will take over officially and Dan will assist. There are some technical things they are working out. CurricuNet needs to be the official repository for our course and program information. It feeds directly to the state chancellor system; there has been some tension with the new SIS system, specifically with the degree audit system. Our colleagues have spent hundreds of hours entering information into the degree audit system. However, that system is not talking to the state CCCCO, even if it is entered into CurricuNet and it is connected to the state. If we use SIS, we have to input to CurricuNet and manually input into the SIS. Now we have ECD, but it doesn’t talk to Protocol. Dean Bobbi Kimble suggested having SIS as the repository at the last DCC meeting. But the members of DCC do not think that will work because it cannot communicate with the state. We need to clarify and formalize how the decisions are being made
Adult Ed AB 86 and 104: Both are moving forward. Adrienne Mullen is trying to put together faculty teams to work on alignment.

District-wide IT Taskforce: Gauthier met with the groups involved the other day and soon the taskforce will be doing assessment and evaluation of the findings of Burwood Group. June 30 is the delivery deadline.

Online Education: The committee met yesterday, but they did not have a quorum. The meeting continued as a discussion group. There are two other agencies involved with the transition to Canvas (Portfolium, which is tied into LinkedIn). ePortfolium will be free for three years and can track employment. The committee feels that there should be a single point of contact working district-wide who will be a support person for academic technologies. It was noted that many campuses are transitioning to Canvas by July 1. Callender asked if there would be training for faculty. Gauthier stated there should be district-wide certification rather than the current patchwork of campus by campus certification, especially given the large number of adjunct teaching online across the district. We need consistent set of criteria for certification and then we can put together some common policies. We want district consistency in directions on how to get on the page and an introduction to online work that they can take on their own through YouTube. There are ADA libraries being put together at Trade; but this needs to be publicized.

1st VP Report: Echeverri reported that the discipline-related committees met at District Discipline Day. They are hammering out the alignment and numbering for the Computer Science and Computer Information Systems courses. The next Equivalency Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday April 18, 2016. DPAC met on February 26, 2016, the same day as District Discipline Day.

Other items: None

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

Respectfully taken by Angela Echeverri on behalf of and edited by Vic Fusilero, DAS
Secretary