

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 4:03

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allegre, M; Alvarez, H.; Auten, D.; Bierly, G.; Caddell, A.; Cain, D.; Caminada, S.; Elliott, H.; English, B.; Miyahara, L.; Nelson, M.; Nichols, B.; Owen, G.; Passage, D.; Patrick, P.; Reardon, S.; Tuan, J; Wise, A.; Yavari, M.

GUESTS: Avila, A.; DeGroot, D.; Murphy, P.; Osiris, C.; Reed, C.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 10, 2011, were approved unanimously with the addition of A. Wise as being present. Minutes from the Sept. 13, 2011, meeting were distributed for review and approval at the next meeting.
3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: None.
4. PROGRAM REVIEW: G. Bierly reminded senators that the newly revised six-year process was piloted last year by a handful of programs and asked if there was any feedback or discussion from departments after last meeting. Applied Social Sciences had not met and wanted more time, but Bierly noted that this will be a living document and that if others were comfortable we needed to move forward so that programs undergoing review this year could begin. **M/S to approve the revised process (Owen/Caminada); approved unanimously.** B. Nichols pointed out that he appreciated the clear and frank language of the new introductory material. Bierly announced that a general meeting for programs undergoing review this year would soon be scheduled through the vice president's office.
5. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: G. Bierly asked if there was any feedback on the proposed policy. Since the proposal has been through both the Student Learning and Student Services Councils and will still be reviewed at those councils one last time, senators were comfortable forwarding any remaining feedback to their council representatives and then letting those councils move the revised policy to College Council for further action.
6. ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATIONS: Bierly reminded everyone that the college was called out by the accreditation team for having not performed evaluations in accordance with board policy. Last year there was no general announcement made, and when Senate Exec inquired it was too late for faculty in general to participate. Exec met with Dr. Ortiz and Vice President Sanchez earlier today and it was agreed there would be a timely announcement of names and dates of scheduled evaluations as well as how faculty can access the forms. They will consult with Human Resources and get back to us.

7. PROGRAM DISCONTINUANCE: We were notified about two weeks ago that two programs, Technical Theatre and Environmental Technology, have been proposed for discontinuance. Our role under the new board policy is to put together two committees to evaluate the programs and make recommendations to AP & P. We need people in related disciplines; please help locate willing faculty and have them contact G. Bierly. Dr. Ortiz and Vice President Sanchez made clear they are not necessarily interested in discontinuing these programs; they are looking at the possibility of improvement. Questions arose about the criteria used to tag a program for discontinuance; it was noted that the conditions for discontinuance listed in the board policy are vague and that at least one of these programs is currently set to undergo regular program review this year.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Institutional Effectiveness (Elliott): The institutional retreat dates have been announced and some email invitations have been sent out. Discussions continue to on the spring survey results; the council is putting together recommendations to address the major concerns, especially the time it takes to make decisions and the confusion over how they are made.

Facilities (Nichols): Parking and Traffic Control of District Property. The purpose is to take district service vehicles out of operation in the commons area in the center of campus between the hours of 9 a.m-3 p.m. The area would be pedestrian-only except for handicapped vehicles. There would be an exterior bicycle loop and additional racks; boards and bicycles would be walk-only within the central area. The proposal will be coming forward to us in about a week for our review. The other issue facing the council immediately is the annual update of the state-scheduled maintenance plan. There was a question about whether there will be deferred maintenance dollars for Building N repairs. Nichols said it is #4 on the list but depends on bid savings. Nichols also reported that construction on the One-Stop has resumed and the hope is still for fall 2012 occupancy.

Student Learning Council (Allegre): The council has met once and will meet again tomorrow (Wed., Sept. 28). There will be the final review of the Freedom of Expression board policy and the first review of the Equivalency to Minimum Qualifications revision of board policy, a document that was approved by senate in 2009 but that never went through the consultation process. The group is drafting a mission statement to articulate the council's focus on student learning and developing goals and activities for the forthcoming year.

Human Resources: Still needs a faculty co-chair. Please contact G. Bierly if you are interested.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50.