The Academic Senate
of
Los Angeles City College

Minutes for the General Session
Thursday, May 30, 2013, 12:30 PM
Faculty and Staff Center
855 N. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029

NOTE: The actual minutes taken at the meeting are written below in *italics*, using the agenda as a framework.

I. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda – J. Freitas
   *The meeting was called to order at 12:34 PM and the agenda was adopted as written.*

II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings – E. Gnerre
   a. Minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting
      MSP to approve the minutes.

III. Public Comments – 5 minutes
    None

IV. Guests/Special Presentations
    None

V. Consent Calendar (action) – J. Freitas
   MSP to approve consent calendar.
   a. Resolution #17-S13: Approval of Revisions to Faculty Hiring Prioritization Rating Criteria and Timeline
   b. Resolution #18-S13: Approval of Standing Rules on Committees
   c. Curriculum approvals
      i. Title 5 updates – see spreadsheet
      ii. New course requests – see spreadsheet
      iii. New program – Art History AA-T Degree
      iv. Course archive requests – see spreadsheet
      v. Course change requests – see spreadsheet
      vi. Distance education addenda – see spreadsheet

VI. Action Items
   a. Resolution #14-S13: Grave Concern in the Leadership of the Vice President of Administrative Services of Los Angeles City College – J. Freitas
      *Read aloud, background offered, MS to approve amendment modifying the Whereases, adding a fourth and final Whereas and modifying the Resolved; discussion arose about:*
      • Narrow focus of resolution—explained as an attempt to capture essence of dissatisfaction rather than itemizing every problem
      • Legal ramifications (Mr. Carlson threatened to sue for libel)—Ed Code supports faculty’s right to raise issues of competency and Senate speech is protected
      • Where money realized from film shoots goes—most goes to the college, with a little revenue to dept.
      • VP of Admin did send out email on May 29th advising that all filming on campus suspended for now
      • Filming is antithetical to our mission and we as a campus need to make a decision about it
      • Pres. Freitas stands by original resolution, but feels more comfortable with amendment
Passed, adopting amendment to resolution as written
Perfected resolution read aloud. Consequences of moving forward with resolution listed as:
- Creates perception of a poisoned atmosphere, sending us back to days of old
- Being characterized as a poison campus would hinder recruitment
- Threat of lawsuit also a consideration
- It would strain our relationship with Senior Staff
- Would not change VP of Administration’s behavior and he will be leaving in November
- It does reflect our dissatisfaction
- Our point has been made and it did get a reaction
- Might make sense to vote it down, or table it for now
- Meeting on May 29th with Senior Staff and what Pres. Martinez and VP of Academic Affairs were trying to accomplish was undermined by VP of Administration’s actions
- Pres. Freitas will not pull a resolution just because it makes somebody feel bad
- Nate Lorentz working with Pres. Martinez on emergency preparedness
- MS with one abstention to end debate and call for the question

Passed to adopt resolution with one nay and two abstentions.

Read aloud. Discussion centered on poor campus communication, critical need for cohesive plan, role of Sheriff Dept. during an emergency, encouragement to sign up with Nate Lorentz as a floor/building warden, Blackboard system in place and ready for staff and faculty to opt in with additional contact numbers and emails.
MSP to adopt resolution.

MSP to adopt resolution. Discussion centered on intent of resolution to streamline committee structure by collapsing four committees into two.

VII. Notice/Discussion Items
None

VIII. Treasurer’s Report— J. Bhakta
Detailed report on SharePoint. Broke even this year.

IX. Associated Student Government — J. Hobson
Pres. Hobson thanked Senate for valuable experience.

X. Accreditation Co-Chair Report – D. Wanner
Substantive change report accepted by ACCJC with commendation for quality of work. Todd Scott, Dan Walden, Ken Sherwood, Distance Ed committee to be congratulated. Sharepoint needs updating, handbooks need to be written. New ACCJC standards coming out this summer. Dan will review these.

XI. Achieving the Dream Report— G. Colombo
Report outlines 6 new initiatives. FYE, Matriculation, Reassessment, K-12 partnership, College Book Program, Will do a break-out session and newsletter about progress.

XII. President’s Report – J. Freitas
Will be working on campus over summer on variety of tasks.
a. Executive Committee Actions
   i. Resolution #14-S13 forwarded to Academic Senate for action
   ii. Resolution #15-S13 forwarded to Academic Senate for action
   iii. Edits to “A New Model for Governance: Accountability and Planning for Student Success at Los Angeles City College”
   iv. Revisions to Hiring Prioritization Committee rating rubric and Probationary Position Request form
XIII. Senate Standing Committee Reports
a. Professional Development – C. Park
   *Flex confirmation will occur in June.*
   i. Book Program – A. Maeck
      *None*
b. Student Learning Outcomes – C. Tinberg
   *None*
c. Student Success – K. Webber-McLean
   *None*
   i. Basic Skills – J. Nishimura
   *Orientation already started; BSI funds going to ATD, FYE, and tutoring*
d. Curriculum – M. Reisch
   *Next meeting in September, with stand-alone training, Kalynda will take over, Maria will do Curriculum Tech.*
e. Educational Planning – D. Marlos
   *No report*
f. District Academic Senate – K. Webber-McLean
   *Pushing for adequate release time for Academic Senate President and Curriculum Chair. Varies across District.*
g. Constitution and Bylaws – A. Pavlik
   *Senate Exec will look at Bylaws this summer. One idea might be to merge Fellowship and Professional Development Committees.*
h. Academic Rank – H. Plotquin
   *None*
i. Elections – B. Vasquez
   *None*
j. Fellowship – A. Sburlan
   i. Next department for senate lunch– Business/CAOT since they missed their turn?

XIV. Shared Governance Council and Special Committee Reports
a. Shared Governance Council – D. Cohen
   *Dana Cohen will replace Dan as Chair of Chairs*
   i. Budget – D. Wanner
      *None*
   ii. Planning – M. Reisch
      *No report*
   iii. Program Review – M. Reisch/D. Wanner
      *Will still meet on June 12 to wrap up and check on recommendations. Comments about how the process did or didn’t work should be sent to Maria and Dan*
   iv. Bond Steering – D. Wanner
      *No report*
   v. Facilities Planning – N. Lorentz
      *Alex Nelson will now co-chair. Working on campus emergency plan. New draft key request form will be sent out campus-wide for comment.*
   vi. Technology Steering – K. Beaufait
      *Reviewing goals of current plan and will then make recommendations to SGC.*
b. Matriculation Advisory Committee – K. Webber-McLean
   *None*
c. Student Accommodations – S. Matranga
   *There are still problems occurring with belittling of students in class. Will reiterate to full senate earlier in agenda at next meeting.*
XV. Announcements
   a. Graduation is May 31, 2013, 5 PM, Greek Theater...Faculty reception at 3:00!
   b. *Suggestions made to rotate agenda to allow different reports to be delivered early on when more senators are present. Also, committee reports will be requested in writing ahead of meeting and distributed at meeting.*

XVI. Adjournment
   Next meeting is Thursday, September 5, 12:30 in the Student Union Multipurpose Room
   Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Evidence Provided:
   Agenda on SharePoint
   Draft minutes of May16, 2013 meeting
   Amendment to Resolution #14-S13
   Resolution #14-S13: Grave Concern in the Leadership of the Vice President of Administrative Services of Los Angeles City College
   Resolution #15-S13: Campus Safety
   Final Draft of A New Model for Governance: Accountability and Planning for Student Success at Los Angeles City College
   Resolution #16-S13: Approval of the Revision of the Los Angeles City College Governance and Planning Structure as Proposed in “A New Model for Governance: Accountability and Planning for Student Success at Los Angeles City College”
   Draft Revisions to Hiring Prioritization Timeline, Rating Rubric, and Probationary Position Request Form
   Draft Hiring Prioritization Rating Form
   Resolution #17-S13: Approval of Revisions to Faculty Hiring Prioritization Rating Criteria and Adjustments to Process Timeline
   Resolution #18-S13: Approval of Standing Rules on Committees
   Curriculum spreadsheet