Minutes for the General Session
Thursday, December 4, 2014
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 (1 minute) – J. Freitas
   The meeting was called to order at 12:34 PM. MSP unanimously to adopt agenda as written.

II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings (5 minutes) – E. Gnerre
   a. Minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting – MSP to approve, with Paley and Yonge abstaining.

III. Public Comments – 5 minutes per speaker – none

IV. Guests/Special Presentations (20 minutes)
   a. Update on Adult Education Realignment – Prof. Daryl Kinney, Prof. Thi Thi Ma
      In response to passage of AB86, five covered program areas, seven objectives, and the three they focused on: #3. Plans to integrate programs, #5. Plans to accelerate students’ progress, #6. Plans to collaborate on provision of professional development. Reported that the work group process was a good one, but that the final report did not reflect the work that was done, although it will serve to get the funding.
      Pres. Freitas thanked Daryl and Thi Thi, and other LACC attendees for their participation in this effort.

V. Consent Calendar (5 minutes)
   a. Executive Committee Authority to Act on Behalf of the Senate During Winter Intersession
      MSP to approve unanimously, 27/0/0

VI. Special Reports (10 minutes)
   c. AFT Report – S. Hendricks – No report

VII. Associated Student Government (5 minutes) – D. Alsop
       Postponing tutoring program until the Spring. Will have an ASG information booth in quad four days a week. Working with Administration to get more viable food options on campus.

VIII. Senate Standing Committee Reports (25 minutes)
   a. Educational Policies and Program Integrity – D. Ruiz
      ● Art/Architecture & Media Arts viability study requested a 90-day extension and it was granted.
      ● Nancy Washburn objected to Athletics survey because she felt it was leading in a negative way, as regards the questions about how to fund the return of the program.
      ● Chairs will be given report on whether their departments are in compliance on APRs.
      ● Validation of program review now being conducted by deans.
         i. Student Learning Outcomes – See under “Notice Items”
         ii. Distance Education – No report
         iii. Program Review and Effectiveness
            Admin Services and Student Services not yet done. Daniel Ruiz said this makes the work of EPPIC difficult when 2/3rds of the school isn’t doing their part.
         iv. Hiring Prioritization Committee – See under “Action Items”
b. Department Chairs Caucus – D. Cohen

Dana stepping down as Chair December 31st, because he wasn’t able to establish a good working relationship with the VP of Academic Affairs, and Dean of AA. Pres. Freitas thanked Dana for his hard work as Chair of Chairs. Meeting on the 9th for special election to fill out term through June 30th.

c. Professional Development – C. Park – No report
   i. Book Program – A. Maeck – No report

d. District Academic Senate – J. Freitas/A. Pavlik – Meeting next week at Pierce

e. Constitution and Bylaws – K. Gray – Nothing to report

f. Academic Rank – H. Plotquin – Finished the adjunct letters

g. Elections – B. Vasquez – Nothing to report

h. Fellowship – K. Miller
   i. Next department for senate lunch – Senate Exec...thank you Arts and Architecture!

IX. Officers Reports (15 minutes)
a. President’s Report – J. Freitas

   ● Board of Trustees met yesterday. LACC faculty offered public comments:
     ○ Bryan Bartelt spoke on the difficulty establishing study abroad programs in developing countries because of Board rules.
     ○ Jan McEvety and Nancy Cairn requested Board vote on retaining South Gym modernization budget for use on South Gym. Voted down, referring to campus as a local issue.
   ● John expressed concerns about current Administration for their lack of communication, action, sense of urgency, and support. Will begin raising those concerns more vigorously in the Spring.
     i. Executive Committee – J. Freitas – Nothing further to report

b. Vice President’s Report – A. Pavlik
   i. Curriculum Committee – Nothing further to report

c. Treasurer’s Report – J. Bhakta – Nothing to report

X. College Council and Special Committee Reports (25 minutes)
a. College Council – J. Freitas
   i. Budget – D. Cohen – No report
   ii. Strategic Planning – S. Hendricks
      1. COMPASS – No report
      2. Technology Steering
         Juan Mendoza answered questions about VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure). Pilot trial will begin in a couple of months. He was asked by John Freitas to provide a cost/benefit analysis. Tech Steering will be sending out a survey to Chairs next week.
      3. Student Success and Support Program – No report
      4. Enrollment Management – No report
   iii. Bond Steering – N. Lorentz
      Student Services Village use expires in Summer. Swing space needs to be found for them. We are facing a renewed need to prioritize projects on campus. The new project managers are doing this. We are concerned that they lack adequate knowledge of the campus. Nate Lorentz will ask at the Bond meeting how they are communicating with us.
      Nate is in talks with John al-Amin regarding number of faculty that should be on combined Bond Steering and Facilities Planning Committee, to comply with Accreditation Standard 4(?)
   iv. Facilities Planning – N. Lorentz – Nothing further to report

b. Student Accommodations – No report
XI. Action Items (Time certain 1:15 PM, 5 minutes per item)
   a. Resolution 08-F14: 2015-2016 Faculty Hiring Prioritization – A. Cohen
      Arax described committee purpose, process by which list was established. Art Dept. would like a statement amended to report to say assumed they were requesting an Art History position in addition to Graphic Design. Miscommunication between Chair and Dr. Walden led to only one position being requested. Chair states that she was told they wouldn’t get a hire because they already had a full time faculty member teaching Art History. MS to amend failed in judgment of Pres. Freitas after show of hands.
      MSP to approve Resolution on a vote of 25/0/1 (Sedghi). Pres. Freitas thanked committee for all their hard work.
   b. Resolution 09-F14: Creation of a Public Course Syllabus Database – D. Ruiz
      Daniel Ruiz gave perspective on where we stand in the District regarding this issue. Described utility of having such. MSP on a vote of 25/1/0 (Yonge).

XII. Notice/Discussion Items (Time certain immediately following Action Items, 5 minutes per item)
      Requesting feedback from users of ECD, regarding likes and dislikes. Will be doing maintenance for 1 week during Winter break, January 5-12, during which faculty are asked not to use.
      Delivered throughout campus. Offering help to anyone who wants to assess their Fall classes. Only 7% were assessed last time, but we need 25% to get done annually. Failing to do so will affect our accreditation.

XIII. Announcements (5 minutes)
   a. Senate Holiday Reception, Thursday, December 18, immediately following the senate meeting
   b. LACC Holiday Party, Friday, December 19, 12:30, Universal City Hilton

(Find out what’s going on at LACC through “This Week at City” at http://lacitycollege.edu/calendar/ThisWeek.html)

XIV. Adjournment – Next meeting is Thursday, December 18, 12:30, Faculty and Staff Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM

Evidence provided:
Agenda on SharePoint
Draft Minutes from November 20, 2014 Academic Senate meeting
Resolution #08-F14: Approval of Fall 2015 Probationary Faculty Hiring Priority List
Hiring Prioritization Committee Report—Position Prioritization for 2015-2016 Faculty Hiring (11/30/2014)
Resolution #09-F14: Creation of a Public Course Syllabus Database
Los Angeles Region Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC) Vision, Program Areas and Objectives
Annual Student Learning Outcome and Assessment Report for 2013-2014, Los Angeles City College
LACC Theatre Academy flyer for “Self Defense, the Death of Some Salesmen” production