

Berkeley City College, Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Academic Senate Meeting
12:10 - 1:20 PM

Present:

Jenny Lowood, Stepanie Sanders-Badt, Josh Boatright, Fabian Banga, Barbara des Rochers, Joseph Bielanski, Chuck Wollenberg, Siraj Omar, Val Djukich, Gabriela Pisano, Hannah Chauvet, Pieter de Haan.

Minutes of meeting -

Pieter thanks Hannah for speaking out at Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Hannah reports - Over 15 people spoke against Removal of Researchers including the president of the District Academic Senate who gave a long speech against that dismissal.

Chuck explained the case of Jennifer Lenahan who was up for dismissal in front of the Board of Trustees and who was not dismissed

Board of Trustees voted to dismiss all four researchers.

President Betty Inclan said that Marilyn's dismissal will free up \$108,000 for the college's use.

Marilyn is packing up, she expects a certified dismissal letter any time

BCC and Alameda presidents lauded their researchers, but will not fight the lay offs. The other two abstained completely.

It seems that nobody pays attention to unit plans or to other strategic plans when it comes down to cutting classes or firing researchers.

Nicky voted no and Marcy Hodges voted no. All other Board Members voted yes and Linda Handy walked out to abstain.

Q: what can we do?

Q: Present it to the roundtable?

The district should identify \$108,000 for the researcher

Tom Smith said at the PBIMP (Planning and Budgeting Integration Model) "If you don't want to cut the researchers, tell me what to cut"

There's no evidence of district cuts - what about PCTV? Jeff Heyman's whole office why do we need it?

Q: Can we eliminate PCTV?

Maybe we should get the budget and suggest the cuts ourselves

Do we need an office of instruction at the district level?

Do we need a district office building

We should decide on a short cuts list and a long cuts list

It is Important to send message to Betty that we don't support removing the researcher

More that 80% of those who are making more than \$100,000 at PCCD are faculty however not here at BCC; Krista will enforce that no one gets more than 1.2 FTES

Teaching more that 15 units is extra service doesn't matter whether it's ZZ or not
Doesn't make sense, we should see that facts

Our place is to give recommendations to the President on what to cut. We should have a philosophical framework, this is a time of tempest and no stone will be left on stone we need to preserve our college.

Let's send message to Betty recommending that we don't cut our researcher position.
Let try to get a line by line budget so that we can identify what to cut to keep our researcher.

We should have the district fight for their TV stations

We can recommend things that Betty can't. DAS and Union could unite and create a position against certain cuts.

We could bring it up to the DAS. Second part of movement is to bring in 1-2 district researcher, this is against what WASC recommended

Q: What can we do to preserve ourselves against further cuts? If we cannot preserve the position, let us preserve the people - plan B. Looking for money for our own grants.

We need a researcher to help us develop grants

Gabriela - Jenny and I worked on the allocation model

We need to speak as a body, here at BCC and then as the DAS; we can never get the figures from the district but we need those figures. The might is in collective action, we must mobilize with the union and with the academic senate at other colleges.

Now is the time to get the information and put together a coalition.

Pieter - Make motion and discuss at the DAS; send message to Betty

If you are going to ask me what to cut then show me the budget

Pieter - our Library doesn't get Measure A funding because our previous administration omitted the word Library from the list

Josh - Measure A is important now because there is no other money; Tom Smith said get money out of Measure A; no money for databases; no research available for student research papers

Pieter - This sounds like something for the district education committee

Jenny - We will bring it up

Joseph - Is the database at the district level?

Josh - other databases are at the individual level

Joseph - Can we get the databases thru the district

What about the language in Measure A, the library isn't specified?

Let's find out more about the language that might get around the Measure A omission

Joseph - Can we put the BCC database issue on the district tech committee agenda

How can we change the interpretation of the language? I'm sure that the other colleges would support it, since it is for a library

Pieter - Should we write up a motion?

Jenny - will bring up library issue at the education committee

Fabian - will bring it up at the tech committee - might be cheaper if we share all the databases

Josh - it won't be cheaper

Pieter - Resolution against section cuts

Barbara - it's 40sections now

Fabian - no cuts in distance education, they want to preserve those classes

Jenny - ESL has been mentioned as a Program that **may** be cut at this college so that ESL would be centralized at two colleges and BCC would not be one of them; we have two full-time instructors; we need to have a position against these cuts. Every college needs basic skills programs like Math, English and ESL

Jenny - we have planning committees but decisions are being made in other venues

Pieter - let us request line item budget from this year's budget or last years budget so that we can come up with cuts

The roundtable should have discussed the decision to dismiss the researcher

Pieter - I presented the building access issue so the answer is no but we will continue to work on it

Cards are great on the inside but no key for the outside door is very difficult people have a trouble

New card keys for inside the building, no access to building however through outside door.

Where are the brains of this college?