

1/27/2010 Academic Senate Meeting

Present:

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Stephanie Sanders-Badt, Joe Doyle, Joseph Bielanski, Jenny Lowood, Barbara des Rochers, Josh Boatwright, Chuck Wollenberg, Marty de Souto, Fabian Banga, Gabriela Pisano, Scott Hoshida, Sarah Crews, Siraj Omar.

Agenda:

- 1.) Earthquake Policy at BCC
- 2.) Joint PTF Meeting
- 3.) Noise in Atrium
- 4.) Instructional Aide Discussion
- 5.) Proposed Student Housing
- 6.) Upcoming Discussion

1.) What are the earthquake policies at BCC? Stephanie has the Disaster Preparedness and Earthquake Policy binder. Triangle theory - place yourself in the triangle next to a large solid non-compressible object. During a disaster we must stay here to help with things unless we are needed at home. During Flex Day we should have a Disaster Preparedness Seminar - that may already be on the schedule for next Flex Day. We should post some earthquake advice ASAP. Shirley Slaughter is responsible for Disaster Preparedness and she will deal with it.

2.) Joint PFT Meeting – It was decided that, once a month a PFT announcement would be placed on the AS agenda.
Union did hire lawyers to prevent managers being put in Faculty Positions and was successful.

3.) Atrium Noise is still going on. Boisterous and rowdy behavior is occurring there. Our security guards may have difficulty in controlling matters. Some individuals may not be students. What happened to the posting of signs - May Chen agreed to the signs but nothing has resulted yet.

4.) Instructional Aid Problem - at many colleges the number of TAs is based on the number of students in classes with classes over 30 being guaranteed a TA. MMART department has just lost all the TAs.

We need to insist on a legitimate line-item on the budget for instructional students assistants, so that students get the best quality instruction possible. If we increase our productivity, we need to use more student assistants to help us. We as teachers are having to change our testing methods to short answers and educational quality is suffering!

Perhaps advanced students could work as unpaid interns - Education 97 is designed for this. Instructional Assistants are more expert and they don't graduate and leave. The lack of TAs reflects the inequity between BCC and other colleges and should be available for part-timers. Work Study Students and volunteers can also be used or students can register in Jayne Matthews' CoopEd course. Student TA hiring procedures

should be revisited to make hiring faster and easier. This issue should be raised at the educational committee and the budget committee ASAP.

We don't have any money for Technology, there is no allocation and no budget.

Who should decide the maximum number of students in a class? In Social Sciences they fought for 5 years to limit the classes to 40 persons. TA's can help in the classroom with computers and lab work. However TAs can't grade student work - this is a Education code issue. Students can mark but not grade. What if they are given a rubric and just mark the papers - maybe a privacy issue.

5.) Proposal - Student Housing on MLK - Peralta will buy the land for \$1.25 million and MSH-Peralta LLC, a non-profit organization, will build and run an 88 bed student housing facility. The non-profit will pay \$50,000 per year to Peralta. This project is not a priority for us and we do not support this proposal and we do not want Peralta to pay for this.

6.) Upcoming Discussion:

- Is there anything current on the Health Initiative? All students have to pay a Health Services fee of \$10 for 0-9 units and \$17 for over 9 units. Berkeley students would be eligible for these services at Laney. It was suggested that the medical staff can be brought here on a part-time basis, like a medical service around the district (something like the book mobile).

- There will money to train team leaders for SLO Assessments and we need to bring this proposal to the next Academic Senate Meeting.

- We need to make sure that we get our new positions.

- District is going to take away 47% of grants for overhead. This will squash our grants effort. The District is not providing very much for the 47%. A big chunk of that should be going to the College for their overhead. Maybe only 10-15% for District overhead. We need to ask where the 47% is going. This will be brought as an agenda item to the DAS.

- The interdisciplinary honor's program will be rewritten and proposed to the Academic Senate at a later date.

- Teaching and Learning Center proposal will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

- Good news, we got the OK for the new WordPress Website and got the \$ for creating the templates and we will migrate by the end of the term.

- Let's put together TA guidelines and wish list.