

4-28-2010 Academic Senate Meeting

Present:

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Jenny Lowood, Chuck Wollenberg, Barbara Des Rochers, Joshua Boatwright, Siraj Omar, Fabian Banga, Val Djukich, Evelyn Glaubman and Rita Haverlin

Agenda:

1) PE Resolution Update

The Peralta District Academic Senate said NO to adding a PE requirement to degree and certificate programs on all four campuses .

2) Administrative Budget Cuts - The PCCD 2009-2010 budget was adopted at the last Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The resulting breakdown for the four colleges and the district is:

BCC \$14 millions

COA \$16 millions

Merritt \$19 millions

District \$27 millions

Laney \$32 millions

This may be a good time for the College presidents and the DAS to unite and to consider more cuts at the district level. Now, while we are under the scrutiny of WASC, is the time for restructuring the District in order to achieve the parity that BCC has been promised for so long.

3) Contract Negotiations

The extension of the PFT contract goes before the Union at their next meeting, if the Union membership approves it then it goes before the BOT for their approval.

4) Election Update

The BCC-AS election ballot forms are in our faculty mail boxes and the ballots are due by Friday at Noon. Jenny and Siraj volunteered to be the impartial independent ballot counters and they will count ballots at 1pm.

This term we will conduct the elections for BCC AS and Department Chairs by using paper ballots as we have always done. Next year we should consider using both paper ballots and an online voting option to give adjuncts, who are not on campus as much, the opportunity to vote as well.

5) Loss of Deans

Pieter reported on the Taskforce Meeting that he attended with Krista. The duties of the Deans were contrasted and compared with those of the Chairs. Lee Marrs pointed out that the Deans managed/oversaw grants and the CTE for Biology, Multimedia, and CIS. With the Union's position on release time is there enough release time available for the Chairs to do the work of the Deans? If the Deans are gone, who will meet with students and faculty? Who will represent the faculty? There are roles that the Chairs cannot take over from the Deans. What are the duties of the

President and Vice-President? Could they perhaps fill in for the deans?

6) It was agreed that we should present a united front, go to as many meetings as we can attend, and that we should insist on no more cuts at BCC until parity with the other colleges is achieved.