

7-13-2010 Academic Senate Meeting

Attendees: Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Babara des Rochers, Siraj Omar, Elena Giventhal, Joe Doyle, Lee Marrs, Barbara Rydlander, Shirley Fogarino, Rita Haberlin, Jenny Lowood, Don Woodrow.

- Pieter began the meeting with the announcement that all four colleges in Peralta are on probation. The focus of the meeting was our response to this. We discussed Chuck Wollenberg's proposal that we reduce the district office's share of the district budget so that it is in compliance with the 8-14% statewide figure that Shirley Fogarino has noted. This year the district proposes that it will spend 26% of the budget. By contrast the LACCD budget is 9% of its district's expenses.

- Shirley recommended that we conduct a line-by-line analysis of expenditures in other districts.

- The group discussed the possibility of hiring someone like Tom Henry as a consultant to recommend how to cut expenditures in the district office.

- Shirley discussed the Grand Jury report, and Pieter noted the importance of decentralization. Rita asked about the possibility of the state taking over the district, and this was discussed.

- Joe noted that it is important that every faculty member contribute \$5 per month to the union's Political Action Committee, so that they can vote on the activities of the committee.

We agreed to do the following:

- invite Wise Allen to a faculty senate meeting
- invite Tom Henry to a faculty senate meeting
- invite Dale Bartlett to a faculty senate meeting
- get line-item budgets from different community college districts (Shirley agreed to do this for Contra Costa County, and Pieter agreed to do the same for LACCD)

We also agreed to recommend the following to the DAS:

- require the district office to cut its expenditures below 14% of the district budget
- invite an outside entity to make recommendations about how to cut the district expenditures

In the assignment packet for the upcoming semester, there is a form called: "Help us gather classroom assessment data.....". It turns out that we are NOT required to fill this in.