

Minutes of Academic Senate Meeting - 10/12/2011 12:10 PM in 451B

Present:

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Ramona Butler, Jenny Lowood, Juana Alicia Araiza, Barbara Des Rochers, Doug Gorman, Joshua Boatright, Siraj Omar, Chuck Wollenberg, May Chen, Lynn Massey, Brenda Johnson, Roberto Gonzalez

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes was unanimous
3. DSPS dwindling budget

DSPS provides the necessary support and accommodations for disabled students in the classroom - interpreters, note-takers, etc. So although DSPS is not directly in the classroom, its services certainly are. Three years ago, DSPS had three full time faculty positions now there are only two. We have not been able to fill the Counselor/Coordinator position or the full-time Counselor position.

We have two main funding resources:

- A. State Chancellor's Allocation based on DSPS Students FTES
- B. District Contribution from General Funds - in 2009-2010, BCC received ~20% of total contribution and in 2010-2011, BCC received ~ 9%

The number of students served, shown on the handout, are from the Chancellor's Office DATAMART. For each student that DSPS serves the amount of services is not always proportional to the number of units that that student takes. BCC has the highest number of DSPS students in its total population. In May of 2011, DSPS had an advisory committee meeting, members of the community said that they wanted to attend BCC because it is near public transportation, it is a one building college and is easier to access. The need is tremendous so that we can provide services and support you in the class room.

The Academic Senate requested a table showing what other colleges have and what BCC doesn't have in the way of support.

There's head count and there's FTES but the fact that our DSPS district allocation got cut from \$224,601 to \$109,818, doesn't make any sense ... why would you cut the DSPS allocation for a college by 50 % in one year? What statistics is a justification for that?

It would be helpful to have a ratio between DSPS students and DSPS staff for the different colleges ... What is the reason that the district contribution to BCC is reduced and why does it go to Laney since the total amount is the same for both years?

We have no experience to determine what staffing you need ... you should come to us with a request for needed staffing ... but at least right now we can say that the District Allocation should be consistent with the State Allocation ... there is no rational reason that those two allocation should be as different as they are now ... I'd be

willing to vote on the fact that if the state allocations are based on a fair formula then that formula should be used by the District ..

Just simply looking the figures of DSPS students who are attending the different colleges - those figures do not make any sense - Merritt's numbers went from 236 in 08-09 to 377 in 09-10 to 530 in 10-11 ... I would questions those numbers and say how can that be ... when the numbers at BCC remain the same and we are the center of a community that serves a lot of disabled people ... people are going to Merritt ... that means a bus ride ... just looking at this numbers doesn't make anything sense and I wonder are they using different criteria to determine who's disabled?

Perhaps they have done a better job than us in keeping track of the MIS data ...

Three years ago our total DSPS funding was \$720,000, this year it was \$483,000 ... we care working very hard not to "overspend" but we do not have enough money to pay for services that we owe ... that's how desperate we are ...

We don't know what the staffing is we don't know what the Federal Guidelines are ... but in basic principles we do know that this a violation in terms of accreditation, maybe we want subsequent motions when we get more information.

The Following Motion Passed:

"The District contribution to the BCC PSSD program should be proportionally the same as the State Chancellor's contribution as compared to the other colleges to reflect the principle of parity and to insure compliance with State and Federal Guidelines as well as meeting the dire needs of our students in this program."

Motion is unanimously passed without abstentions.