

Minutes of Academic Senate Meeting - 3/21/2012 12:10 PM in 451A

**Present:** Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Jenny Lowood, Chuck Wollenberg, Mariela Thaning, Siraj Omar, Kathryn Kocelle, Leonard Chung, Josh Boatright, Cleavon Smith, Val Djukich, Scott Hoshida  
**Guests:** Paula Coil

Today's Agenda:

1. **Call to order** at 12:15 PM
2. **Approval of the minutes** - Minutes approved unanimously.
3. **Career Pathway Expo BCC** - Paula mentioned this first time event on Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM and 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM; after Spring Break; about 18 tables in Atrium manned by faculty from departments; CTE programs may have some AV presentations in the evening sessions; BCC counseling will be there with transfer information. Adding something about transfer pathways to the title might be good to attract more students. Faculty members are asked to show up and sit at the tables to make this event meaningful. Departments can bring brochures or ask Shirley Fogarino for appropriate pamphlets for their disciplines.
4. **Library Committee** - At the last meeting, we discussed the idea of resurrecting the Library Committee to help support the Library, and try to become involved in how the Library can support instruction and pedagogy. Faculty members realize that students need to have connections with the Library. If there is going to be a Library Committee then it has to arise from the Faculty Senate and indeed it used to exist as a sub-committee of the BCC-AS. The purpose of the Library Committee is to support what the Librarian has already established. We assumed that Josh would co-chair the Committee. It was decided to start a "new" Library Committee and a motion to appoint Josh Boatright and Mariela Thaning as co-chair was proposed, seconded and unanimously passed with no abstentions. Josh and Mariela will work out the meeting times, the makeup of the committee which should probably include student member(s) and they will report back at the next BCC-AS meeting after Spring Vacation.
5. **Out of state Students Formula** - The confirmation of the Multiplication sign(x) in the original document was duly noted and its appearance as an underscore was due to the old version of Word used for the original version in the minutes. At the next PBIC meeting, the presence of the Multiplication Sign will be further affirmed.
6. **Chancellor forums at BCC 4/9/12** - From 12 Noon till 4:00 PM, at BCC, the five finalists for the PCCD Chancellor position will be present to meet with the college and answer questions. What are good questions to ask the candidates? Can we investigate the candidates at their present institution? We should find out what the PFT exec is doing to find out more about the candidates; are they funding site visits etc. We should ask Joe and Joan what information the PFT has already collected in order to formulate our questions based on that data and not re-invent the wheel. If the PFT has a "favorite" candidate then we can find out why and then compose some legitimate questions as to why each candidate wants to come here. Some candidates may consider the Chancellor position as a "stepping stone" to another career pathway. Questions to candidates could be:
  - a. What percent of district budget should go to colleges and what percent should go to the district?
  - b. What is a reasonable allocation? (in So Cal it's usually 9-12 %).
  - c. What is the role of a District in relation to Colleges, Faculty and Students?

- d. What has each candidate done in support of Students and Faculty at their present institution?

This forum conflicts with CIPD and our round table - we should ask Betty and Debbie to postpone those meetings if possible.

7. **Self-Nomination for BCC Academic Senate** - We need President, Vice-president, and Secretary positions so that BCC is represented by three members in the DAS. Maybe we could have the President and the Vice-President work more as co-presidents. Names are needed by end of this week.
8. **Review of Accreditation Standards and Practices opportunity** - BCC President Betty Inclan mentioned to Barbara Beno, the current President of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, the idea of changing the accreditation process so that Districts would be accredited separately from the Colleges. Barbara Beno said that she felt that if that was done nothing would happen or change. Maybe we could discuss this with Krista Johns and see if she could talk to Barbara Beno about it.
9. **Assessment** - We are going to be visited by WASC/ACCJC in early April; assessment is one of the areas at which they will be looking. We are just ending our first assessment cycle, and so far the only assessments that are closing the loop are the large multi-section assessments. When individual instructors assess their own individual courses, it is more difficult to close the loop.

In our second assessment cycle, we are going to assess courses according to their SLOs that map to different ILOs, one per semester for the next 6 semesters. We are expected to be at proficiency by Spring 2013. Proficiency includes that a.) SLOs and authentic assessment are in place for all courses, programs and degrees; b.) results of assessment are being used for alignment of institutional wide practices and c.) there is widespread institutional dialog about the assessment results.

We are now planning the assessment cycle for the next three years. For this semester, faculty members can participate in the Essay submission, in the Oral presentation, or Critique assessment for this semester; they can pick other ILOs to assess in other semesters or they can choose other assessment methods but they must do something - no opting out is possible.

10. **Adjournment** at 1:23 PM