

2-24/2010 Academic Senate Meeting

Present:

Pieter de Haan, Hannah Chauvet, Stephanie Sanders-Badt, Jenny Lowood, Barbara des Rochers, Josh Boatwright, Val Djukich, Chuck Wollenberg, Fabian Banga, Siraj Omar, Katherine Kocel.

Agenda:

- 1) New Liberal Arts A.A. Degree (Jenny Lowood)
- 2) Who are our students?
- 3) Student Housing
- 4) Student Health Fee
- 5) DAS report
- 6) Other

1) The issue of purchasing 1931-1935 Addison was on the agenda but was not addressed during the closed session of the last Peralta Board of Trustees meeting, it was rescheduled for the next meeting in 2 weeks. 2020 Milvia was NOT on the agenda. Pieter will talk to Betty about this - the best thing is to call individual board members about expediting the purchase of 1931-1935 Addison ASAP.

2) Jenny presented a new Liberal Arts A.A. that fulfills requirements for Teacher's Aide Certificate. If program is approved and started this Fall then in two years students would graduate with Teacher's Aide certificate when there will be an increased need for those skills. Some discussion of including History 19 (California History) occurred. Some courses (English 1A or English 44A) were described as contextualized - this was defined as thematic content focusing on teaching that still fulfills the requirement. This was done to show that flexibility is possible at a later date. All courses were vetted by department chairs. All attendees agreed that this proposal was approved to go on to the Curriculum Committee and that it be entered into CurricuNet.

3) Barbara mentioned that having all kinds of students (students who are enrolled in 4-year colleges, older students with professional degrees etc.) in the classroom is very important and helps to bring weaker students up to par. Some counselors are concerned that UC students are enrolling as soon as possible and other students (younger students who are just out of High School) are not taking advantage of priority registration - first group is EOPS, then current students, then anyone. We probably should make sure that all students are aware of priority enrollment. If counselors are discouraging UC students, then we should invite them to talk about this.

4) Student Housing is on the agenda for the Measure A - Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Meeting. Charles Oewel wants \$1.25 million of Peralta money to buy land in Berkeley to build a building (construction would be paid for by a tax-exempt "bond") that would be used for Peralta student housing.

Although we agree in spirit with the Laney resolution that objects to this purchase, we

should write our own motion.

motion #1 - The Berkeley City College Faculty Senate is opposed to this project or to any project that uses Peralta money to build student housing at this time.
The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion

5) Student Health fee - \$14 for half-time and \$17 for full-time, no opt out and services will be provided at Laney. BCC has 7,000 students so fees would add up to \$105,000 per year.

motion #2 - We ask that BCC Students Health fees be directed to BCC to hire a full-time Mental Health professional The vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion

6) When there are emergencies, the administration should make arrangements so that we have immediate access to professional help (police, mental health, etc.). If any one is immediately threatened, 911 should be dialed directly from the classroom phone. In more subtle cases, where students become obsessed with instructor perhaps we could make arrangements with Berkeley Mental Health or Herrick. Perhaps May Chen can have a list of Mental Health resources. Perhaps this should be brought up at the Round Table or Leadership Council.