SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
October 10, 2011


Proxy Senators:

Ad junct Senate School Representatives: A. Schoenberg, K. Arcidiacono

Academic Senate Officers: A. Macias, C. Lopez, D. Fierro, J. Akers, P. Haro, S. Fontana

Guests:

I. Call to order: 2:35
II. Minutes from September 26, 2011 were approved by consensus
III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda was approved by consensus
IV. Announcements
   a. Card for J. Davis- C. Lopez sent a get well card around for all senators to sign for Jerry Davis, it will be sent to his home on behalf of the Academic Senate.
   b. Health and Fitness- A. Milburn reminded senators that they Athletic Department is still collecting food for the Food Pantry on campus. Food can be dropped off at the Harry West Gym. She also made an announcement regarding Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk, it will be on Sunday, October 16 at 7am. She encourages senators to share this with all faculty staff and students.
   c. Dean of Math, Engineering Sciences- M. Benard announced that the Dean of Math, Engineering, and Sciences position is currently vacant and needs to be filled by Januaray.

V. Guest/Special Committees
   a. Associated Students- No Report
   b. Budget Update: VP Instruction- M. Benard attended the meeting to update the Academic Senate about the decision regarding offering summer school at San Diego City College for summer 2012. She mentioned that offering summer school is highly unlikely, however the final decision would come out of the Chancellors Committee. M. Benard will update senators with the final decision when she gets one.

VI. Old Business
   a. Grading Policy- D. Fierro contacted Grossmont College to discuss their reasons for + and – grading. He reported back, and they weren’t aware of specific reason for that grading policy, but they did mention that that grading policy is optional at Grossmont.
b. Student Challenge forms- D. Fierro went to the instructional cabinet to gather feedback regarding the Student Challenge Form. The only feedback he received was many professors mentioned that these forms were complex. He plans to meet with Mary Benard to further discuss this topic.

c. Student Success Task Force- J. Akers highly encouraged senators to read and discuss the legislative bill that was passed that called for this task force. He pointed out main points to further explore which included; 2.1, 7.1, 7.2, 8.2. Anybody attending the Fall Plenary should be aware of these recommendations.

VII. New Business
   a. Hiring Criteria- D. Fierro reported that San Diego City College is not hiring anybody, contract or adjunct. M. Benard mentioned that when we do start to hire faculty we have no criteria to follow. She requests that one person from every school to work with Susan Fontana, Laurie Oreka, and Pete Haro to come up with a list of criteria we are going to consider, when it comes time to hire.

b. CTEA Committee Guidelines- Charlene and Rosen attended the Academic Senate Meeting to seek senate approval on the CTEA Guidelines. They passed out a handout that illustrated what was included in the Career Technical Education Committee. The goal for these guidelines are to get even participation by all stakeholders.