SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING  
April 11, 2011

Proxy Senators: S. Deaton  
Adjunct Senate School Representatives: C. Short  
Academic Senate Officers: B. Harris, B. Sos, D. Fierro, S. Fontana H. Martinez  
Guests: D. Long

I. Call to order: 2:35

II. Minutes from March 28, 2011 was approved by consensus

III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda were approved by consensus

IV. Announcements
   a. Summer Schedule - D. Fierro informed the senators that Lynn Neault’s office compiled a list of all the students who have been going to school continuously, who have applied for graduation for the summer. There are specific classes that a certain amount of those students need to take in order for them to graduate. The District Governance Council came up with a proposal, which states that those students who were on the list will receive a letter that gives them the option of taking that specific class in summer 2011 that will satisfy their requirements. The District Office also proposed a onetime waiver that allowed students who still had a district requirement to fill to just have it waved in order for them to graduate on time.

   b. Budget Update - S. Deaton gave the senators a budget update. She states that there has not been many budget development meetings, because the state hasn’t made any decisions and there’s no money from that state. She explained to the senators that the district has already cut 30 million dollars due to the huge reserves we had. If we get Prop 98 backed up then there will only be another 7 million dollar cut, if we don’t get in back another, which will be the worst case scenario, 18 million will be cut. S. Deaton explained that all the Chairs of each department are going to roll forward their schedules for fall and going to be having a 10% cut and putting a 0 cap on the class, just to identify the classes that would be cut if need be. She announced that there will be a special Master Planning Meeting April 27, 2011 at 3:30pm. If anyone has questions or ideas concerning the budget, this meeting will be a good time to have an open forum on the topic.
c. Online Teaching Conference- S. Pesce announced that there is an Online Teaching Conference June 22-24 at Orange Coast College. She informed senators about cost, If you purchase tickets before April 20th it will be $125, after April 20th but before June 21st it will be $175, and at the door of the conference the price will be $225.

V. Guest/Special Committees
a. Associated Students- Micheal Gerad attended the Academic Senate Meeting on behalf of Associated Students to inform the senators that members of Associated Students will be coming around asking for permission from professors to come into their classrooms to give a brief speech about who they are, what they do and what Associated Students represent.

VI. Old Business
a. SLO’s- B. Harris gave senators a brief update regarding SLO’s. She stated that Fall 2012 is when we have to report back to accreditation and give them a overview of where we are at with SLO’s. She hopes that every department will have actually used an assessment and looked at the data and made some decision based on that data. She explained the next step is to have an SLO with an assessment attached in each course. She encourages departments to keep up with SLO’s, any questions or concerns can be directed towards B. Harris.

b. Tag Update- D. Fierro updates us on UCSD changing their Tag requirement GPA from a 3.0 to a 3.5, that was a UCSD faculty driven decision. D. Fierro shared some data with the senators, including some about the number of transfer students transfer from San Diego City College to UCSD has doubled within the last couple of years.

VII. New Business
a. Sacramento- D. Fierro shared a report that the CCLC put out. He mentioned that if you go to CCleague.org you can get a list of topics that are going to Sacramento. We have a finance bill, governance bill, and student success bill that directly affect us. D. Fierro encourages senators to look over the website provided and browse through it to see if something catches your eye to bring for discussion.

b. Schedule Impact on Adjunct Faculty- D. Fierro informed that senators that the District Office continuously says that we will not have any layoffs, when in fact we still are having layoffs, and those layoffs are directly targeting our adjunct faculty. D. Fierro just wanted to open this topic for discussion, and see if there is anything we as an Academic Senate can do to help. Many senators stated that its just
part of the course, something one has to get used to and most adjunct faculty understand what they are signing up for when they take an adjunct position. On the other hand some senators feel that they should cut full time faculty’s overload just like they do at some of our sister colleges. B. Sos mentions that although they haven’t decided to cut overload, adjunct faculty does get a lot of benefits and priority of assignment. MSC L. Dorman/ P. Haro motion to extend discussion on this topic. Some Senators believe that the reason adjunct faculty are not hired on as fulltime is due to the fact that some are not qualified as others. Senators agree by consensus that adjunct faculty should be hired on as fulltime faculty before outside sources. D. Fierro appreciated input and discussion and will look for future resolutions.

c. Plenary Resolutions- D. Fierro sent out a link to all senators about the resolutions. D. Fierro stated that the majority of these resolutions are pretty pedigreed and we can agree with them on behalf of the Academic Senate. There are some that need further exploration. J. Lombardi mentions that senators are more than welcome to edit and revise the current resolution. D. Fierro wanted to point out the resolution that concerns Child Development, he would like some feedback and advice on that specific resolution. D. Fierro encourages all senators to comb through all these resolutions and provide input.

IX Officer Reports

X. Facilities Update

XI. Standing Committees

a. AB 1725 Travel Report- D. Long attended the Academic Senate Meeting to make sure senators are aware of the San Diego City College Faculty Travel and AB1725 Faculty/Staff Development Program, and Faculty Travel Funds Information. He passed out a handout that included a presentation given during “flex” to acquaint faculty/staff with the procedures, a copy of the budget and authorized expenditures for FY 2010/2011, and committee meeting dates.

b. Elections- Charlenes announced that elections went smoothly, there were 2 votes taken in agreement. D. Fierro Congratulated the winners, Pete Haro for President, Justin Akers for Secretary, Cathi Lopez for Treasure and Brian Sos for Adjunct Representative.

XI Other

XII Adjourn 4:00: MSC H. Martinez/ J. Akers