SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
March 14, 2011


Proxy Senators: None

Adjunct Senate School Representatives: C. Short

Academic Senate Officers: B. Harris, B. Sos, C. Lopez, D. Fierro, S. Fontana

Guests: D. Shelton

I. Call to order: 2:35

II. Minutes from February 28, 2010 was approved by consensus

III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda were approved by consensus

IV. Announcements

a. Interim Dean of Business, Information Technology, Cosmetology- D. Fierro announced that we have a new Interim Dean of Business, Information Technology, and Cosmetology: Lynn Ornelas. Lynn was the Dean of Work Force Development at the district office. She is excited to join the San Diego City College team.

b. New Senators- Cynthia Short is welcomed to the senate as the new Adjunct School Representative for the Learning Resource Center.

V. Guest/Special Committees

a. Associated Students- No report

VI. Old Business

a. Senate Executive Committee Retreat- B. Harris reported back to the senate regarding the outcome of the Executive Committee Retreat. The Executive Committee team made major progress on updating the bylaws. B. Harris reported that they will be completed and brought to the senate for approval by this semester. If any senators see an area in the bylaws that is in need of an update please bring it the Executive Committee’s attention.

b. Copyright Guidelines- D. Fierro reintroduced the topic of the Copyright Guidelines in hopes of getting San Diego City Colleges Academic Senate endorsement. Mesa College has approved these guidelines. S. Pesce emphasizes that according to the Teach Act we must have copy right guidelines. The Teach Act is law; therefore, in order for us to be compliant we must have copyright guidelines. C. Lopez/ D. Dipaolo call for a vote. MSC (15-2-2) The San
Diego City College Academic Senate accepts the Copyright Guidelines.

c. Student Success Discussion- D. Fierro updated senators on assembly bill AB 1140 and the issue of Student Success. A number of education, research, business and student leaders will be meeting throughout this year to examine strategies for improving student success. Constance Carroll and Mesa College Academic Senate President Cynthia Rico Bravo are our representatives and are asking for the Academic Senate’s feedback on how faculty defines student success. D. Fierro has emailed all faculty a link to a website regarding this issue. He encouraged all senators to go back and share this with their departments.

VII. New Business
a. TAG Requirement Changes- P. White explained to the senators the repercussions of UCSD changing their TAG requirements. He explained that one of the changes is that students planning to transfer to UCSD in fall 2011 must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, but those who plan to transfer fall of 2012 must have a minimum GPA of 3.5. P. White mentioned that San Diego City continues working with UCSD regarding non-TAG transfer students. Any questions or concerns can be directed towards Peter White.

b. Kinesiology- A. Milburn reported due to the current budget crisis, the discipline of Health and Exercise Science, Kinesiology is being directly targeted. Analysts at the legislative offices are trying to make a recommendation to single out this specific discipline for cuts. Legislators are challenging the legitimacy of this discipline when in fact Kinesiology is the 7th largest major in the state. A. Milburn strongly suggests that as an Academic Senate we do something to respond to this attack. She adds that this legislative strategy can become a slippery slope and other disciplines could be targeted next. Senators are strongly encouraged to bring this issue back to their departments and discuss further action or resolutions. A Milburn also provided contact information of the legislators for interested parties that want to show concern on this issue.

IX. Officer Reports
a. Adjunct Survey- B. Sos announced that he will be putting together a survey for all adjunct faculty regarding their involvement in the Academic Senate and other committees on campus. B. Sos is open to suggestions regarding questions on the survey. Please email B. Sos for any questions or concerns on this matter.

X. Facilities Update
a. Design Management Procedures- B. Harris will continue to pursue more transparency by the District on Design Management Procedures and will report back to the Academic Senate.

XI Other

XII Adjourn 4:00: MSC C. Lopez/ B. Sos