I. Call to order: 2:35
II. Minutes from February 24, 2013 were approved by consensus
III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda was approved by consensus
IV. Announcements

a. Exclusive discount for California Community College Faculty and Staff- Pete Haro announced to senators that he received an exclusive discount for Microsoft Office and other software services. With this exclusive offer, faculty will have access to 4G broadband services, monthly subscriptions are $15 which include data usage, and Microsoft Office is $39.99.

b. Election timeline-Pete Haro announced that the Senate Exec and Erin Engstrom have created a timeline for the upcoming elections. Haro announced the three positions that will be open which include: Adjunct Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in applying and running for any of these positions please contact Erin Engstrom. Haro announced that he wants to have those that are interested in running to prove their names, intents, and personal statements by Wednesday, March 19th by 5:00 PM. Ballots will be in the senators’ mailboxes by Monday, March 24th. The cutoff date will be Friday, March 28th at 5:00 PM. When everyone returns from spring break, the ballots will be collected and the winners will be announced at the Academic Senate Meeting on April 14th.

c. Adjunct Officer announcement-Pete Haro shared on behalf of Abel Macias that Abel will no longer be the Adjunct Officer for the Academic Senate due to scheduling issues. Because of the rules in the By-Laws, there cannot be a replacement made so there will not be an Adjunct Officer for the remainder of the semester.

d. Incentives from publishers-Pete Haro informed senators with recent issues regarding incentives from book publishers. Taking cash from vendors to adopt textbooks is unacceptable. However, it is to Haro’s understanding that faculty may still participate in publisher-sponsored dinners, accept free textbooks, etc. Due to some confusion, Haro contacted the chancellor and is waiting for a response regarding this issue.

V. Guest/Special Committees

a. Request for funding to honor past retirees-Karen Lim announced to senators that there will be a City College Centennial Gala held on Monday, September 8, 2014. This event is to honor past retirees at City College. Lim is asking the Academic Senate to subsidize ticket cost to Gala as they are currently listed at $150/ ticket. The Academic Senate
will take this into consideration once there is an accurate list of both full time and adjunct retirees.

b. Associated Students-Mike Roderick shared that the ASG elections are coming up and sent out packets that will be due later this week. The elections will be held in April. ASG is trying to support a proposition that ASG is currently writing that would raise the Student Representation fee from $1 to $2. This is with the passage of AB-1358 which allows the representation fee to be raised in order to fund state-wide advocacy.

c. Taxi workers resolution-Mike Roderick shared that he has been working with AFT interns and Senator Kelly Mayhew as well as others on a taxi worker campaign. ASG wrote and endorsed a resolution in support of the United Taxi Workers of San Diego (UTWSD). Roderick passed out a handout which is a survey done by the Center of Policy Initiatives (CPI) along with SDSU and it is essentially a survey of taxi drivers in San Diego and talks about the situation that they work in, how unsafe it is, along with other issues. Roderick read the resolution. Senators will discuss this further with their departments and there will be a vote to support the ASG resolution at the next Academic Senate Meeting on Monday, March 24th.

VI. Old Business

a. MOOC task force report-Marie St. George discussed a PowerPoint on the MOOC task force. Through St. George’s presentation, she discussed six main points, including: regular and effective contact between instructors and students, course quality compared to face to face, teaching and learning strategies, assessing students learning and achievements of learning outcomes, how it fits with the faculty’s mission, and institutional resources. There will be a first reading of a resolution by the MOOC task force at the next Academic Senate meeting on March 24th.

VII. New Business

a. City College Transfer Plan-Marilyn Harvey presented San Diego’s City College Institutional Transfer Plan. It is a state requirement that each institution is supposed to have a plan for transfer on the campus. The goal is to increase the transfer rate at City College. Harvey is asking that the senators support this Plan and to approve it as well. Harvey shared the five areas the Transfer Plan discusses out of the Institutional Transfer Plan handout which were:

1. Services are to be provided directly to students, via, staff, counselors, workshops, classroom visits, published materials and the campus website
2. The Transfer/Career Center houses the dedicated Transfer Center faculty and staff and includes three offices-6 student computers, a student work station, and resource materials
3. Staffing includes Director, two adjunct faculty members, two senior services support assistants (1 vacancy) and two student employees
4. The Transfer/Career Center Advisory Committee will provide ongoing review, planning and support for the Transfer Center
5. The Transfer Center works closely with the campus based researcher for ongoing internal evaluation of the effectiveness of City’s transfer
efforts. An Annual Report is submitted to the State’s Chancellor’s Office.

VIII Officer Reports

IX. Facilities Update
a. Senate Representation-Pete Haro quickly announced that Joe Rangus will no longer be the Facilities Representative. Therefore, Berta Harris has agreed to take over his position and will be keeping senators updated with facility reports.

X. Standing Committees
a. Distance Education Standing Committee-Sandra Pesce briefly shared some information that was discussed during the Distance Education meeting. On June 20th-21st there will be an online teaching conference held in San Diego. Open registration is $198 until April 11th. Also, the Online Education Initiative is going to have a town hall meeting April 9th from 10AM-1 PM which will possibly be streaming broadcast. They are going to focus on the Integration of the Online Education Initiative with the Education Planning Initiative on the assessment issue. They are also going to discuss the current status of the challenges regarding this online education issue. Another point that Pesce addressed is that the Department of Education is working on a corrective action plan to address financial aid fraud. Gwen Enright is going to build a FAQ to address the Faculty Online Training and Certification Program. If your faculty has questions about the Certification Program or the requirement, please contact Gwen Enright. Also, the contract for Turnitin.com is expiring at the end of the spring semester but it isn’t known yet as to if it will be renewed. Safe-Assign might be an alternative as it is already installed onto Blackboard.

XI Roundtable
a. Nursing and SB-850-Anita Johnson asked if any senators will be attending the Plenary in April so that she could address some issues regarding SB-850. Deanna Shelton and Berta Harris are going to attend to discuss curriculum issues. Johnson wants to attend to discuss her concerns with nursing as it may be dropped from the bill. Johnson’s concerns are that there are limited seats in selective colleges making it hard for students to go on and get a bachelor degree. This is an issue because almost all hospitals in San Diego require a BSN to work in the medical field. More information about this issue will be discussed soon.

XII Adjourn 4:03 (Mike Leboffe/Andy Milburn)