



Academic Senate Highlights September 22, 2009

Special Actions:

Steering Committee Recommendation: The Senate voted to allow three FA/LA/SS volunteers to serve a 1 year Senate term even though there were only 2 vacancies since there are still 2 vacancies elsewhere. The three new senators are Sunita Lanka, Janet Pessagno, and Ron Waddy.

Special Election for 2nd Vice President: The Senate elected Barbara Durham to the office of 2nd Vice President. She replaces Heidi Ramirez, who stepped down due to her role as cluster leader.

Presentation—DBA Program: Hermelinda Rocha-Tabera presented an overview of the purpose of the program, the evaluation results of the 8 semesters from Cabrillo, and information about our local program. She refuted some myths that have been heard about the program. If you would like an electronic copy of her presentation, contact Hermelinda or a senator.

Senate Development:

Larry Adams provided training for senators about the constitution and bylaws. Copies are available on the Senate website. Kelly Locke provided information about the Brown Act as it applies to Senates. Senate meetings are public, agendas are posted 72 hours in advance, and items not on the agenda cannot be discussed. New information from the ASCCC indicates that *all* committees that advise the Senate are also required to abide by the Brown Act. This includes all Senate Committees and any Senate subcommittees. (More on this in a future email...)

Kelly also provided information about Minimum Qualifications and the process by which faculty will identify the minimum qualifications required to teach each course in their department. (Find the Minimum Quals Document at http://www.asccc.org/Publications/Papers/downloads/PDFs/minimum_qualifications_jan2008.pdf) Curriculum Committee members have also had this presentation. Senators and CC members will help to spread the word about this endeavor. It will be led by the Curriculum Committee this year.

Appointments

Screening Committee for VP of Academic Affairs:

Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, Larry Adams, Heidi Ramirez

General Education Subcommittee of Curriculum:

The following faculty were appointed to join Curriculum Committee members Dan Petersen and Bill Rawson (co-chairs) and LaVerne Cook: Pam Weise (CSS), David Beymer (PE), Susanne Burns (THA), Jenny Cogswell (ESL)

The following faculty names were added to committees:

SLO Committee: Mary Cousineau and Carol King

Curriculum Committee: Carol Kimbrough

DE Committee: Joe Welch, Jorge Sanchez, Amy Taketomo, Maria Teutsch, Janeen Whitmore

Technology, Facility and Human Resources Planning Committee: Lisa Storm was appointed as the Distance Ed liaison.

Senate Subcommittees were formed for three of the Senate goals.

Goal 3—Equivalency Process: Kelly Locke, Alejandra Gutierrez, Debra Kazcmar, Nancy Schur

Goal 4—Adjunct Hiring and Evaluation: Larry Adams, Ron Waddy, Leti Contreras, Carol Kimbrough, Alejandra Gutierrez

Goal 5—Information Competency Implementation—Nancy Schur, Peggy Mayfield, Joe Welch, Tony Anderson