

IVC Academic Senate

Approved Minutes

May 20, 2009

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Seivertson.
- II. **Roll Call and Announcements**

Present: Krista Byrd, Suzanne Gretz, Melani Guinn, Cesar Guzman, Michael Heumann, Rosalba Jepson, Russell Lavery, Mary Lofgren, Jean Montenegro, Norma Nunez, Thomas Paine, James Patterson, Toni Pfister, Rosa Pitones, Norma Scott, Bruce Seivertson, Kevin White, Lianna Zhao, Sherry Zobell, Dennis Carnes, Kathy Berry,

Excused:

Absent: Chantilee Mendenhall, Kseniya Kareva, Carol Lee

Visitors: Travis Gregory, Frank Rapp, Efrain Silva, Shiela Dorsey-Freeman, Eric Jacobson, Edie Harmon, Raymond Lutz, Helena Quintana
- III. **Treasurer's Report**

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- IV. **Visitor Comments**
 - Dr. Patterson stated that he had spent time last summer examining Admissions and Records data on 07-08 graduates from IVC to determine patterns related to student learning in general education. He has recently finished his research, and he has posted his findings on his IVC faculty web page for all interested parties.
 - Senator White announced that he would be attending the Leadership Institute and the Curriculum Institute this summer
- V. **Consent Agenda**
 1. Minutes of May 6, 2009.
 2. C&I Committee's Recommendations dated April 30, 2009 and May 7, 2009
M/S/C (Patterson/Zobell) to approve the above items.
- VI. **Reports**
 1. President
 - No report
 2. Past President
 - Carnes noted that he is getting nostalgic as he ends his time at IVC. He advised everyone to consider all factors related to the increased size of the campus as proposals for restructuring are brought forward in the upcoming months. Our campus is bigger and more complex than it used to be, and we should recognize this.

3. VP of Instruction: Administrative Reorganization Plan
 - Berry noted that reorganization originated with Dr. Gould's observation that our organization was confusing, a "tacked-on" structure.
 - She has proposed a dean structure, replacing the current division chair structure. This was set up because division chairs are placed in many difficult situations. They are overworked and asked to do things that should be the duties of an administrator even though they are faculty, including discipline and enrollment management. These problems are perpetuated by the fact that division chairs must stand for reelection each year.
 - We need people who can focus on enrollment management and who can advocate for faculty at an administrative level.
 - So, in her initial plan, deans would replace division chairs and department chairs would replace coordinator positions. This will take place in a phased-in reorganization over the next year. If we do it right, Berry states, it will work and it will not interfere with the duties of the instructor to teach students.
 - The current administrators will be divided up and given charge of certain areas that will (hopefully) fall close to their areas of expertise.
 - Senator Lavery asked about the timeline for these changes. Berry stated that the whole process needs to be mapped out, and that this will be handled carefully and intelligently. It will probably take a year. Lavery suggested that this be announced to all users soon.
4. CFO: 2009-10 Tentative Budget
 - Vice President Lau is out of town, but copies of the tentative budget were handed out via email to all senators, and hard copies were available at the meeting.
5. BSI Coordinator
 - Dean Rapp stated that the summer schedule is out and the success institute is being promoted. Some problems have been identified and are being worked out.
 - Dr. Carnes asked what processes will be used to document the progress the students make in these classes. All sections will include pre and post tests, and the students will be monitored over the next few years. Carnes suggested we document this institute with a video.
 - Lavery asked if these classes were open to juniors in high school. Rapp noted that it was open to all students registered and eligible to take the designated classes.
 - Berry noted that this summer's institute is a pilot; we expect it to grow significantly in the future.
5. SLO Coordinator
 - Senator Pfister said there was an SLO presentation on May 19 on the first year assessments; it was attended by 25 people.
 - She will present at the board meeting that evening.
 - The June SLO meeting will be on June 2.

- Approximately 83% of classes have had SLO identification forms submitted for them. Some problems included adjunct participation and faculty forgetting or being unwilling to participate. The cycle assessment form has been submitted for 17% of classes offered this year. The deadline for this is June 30.
 - We are piloting a program-level assessment for instruction right now.
6. ASG President
- Not present

VII. Academic and Professional Matters

1. Second Reading: Resolution to recommend that IVC retain the Winter Intersession to benefit the students
- Senator Zobell felt that this push for retaining winter session is a “money grab” by faculty. She does not like the resolution.
 - Senator Montenegro stated that students did not know about the survey. Senator Heumann noted that this survey was brought up at the last meeting.
 - Senator Paine asked how much money would be saved if we cancelled winter. Berry noted that the last intersession cost \$1.4 million. This is usually fine, but the state did not reimburse us for the FTES generated in 2009. Paine noted that hard choices must be made, and he would vote against this resolution.
 - Senator Patterson noted that his research on general education asked a question about the effectiveness of winter session versus other sessions. He examined about 500 students and discovered that, of the ones who graduated, 16% of classes they took were in winter or Summer. Of those, 40% of the classes were taken in winter. He stated that he opposed winter session.
 - Senator Guinn noted that Dr. Gould mentioned at yesterday’s Town Hall meeting that we are essentially giving away our services if we have a winter session. Guinn also raised the issue that summer might be a better session to drop due to the high cost of electricity in the summer.
 - Senator Gretz noted that the FTES issue could be dealt with in many ways, not just by dropping winter.
 - The resolution was defeated with eleven no votes, seven yes votes, and one abstention.
2. Second Reading: Resolution to recommend that the Planning and Budget Committee continue to report to the Academic Senate
- The motion passed with fifteen yes votes, two no votes, and one abstention.
3. Academic Senate Committee Membership: Appointments/Re-Appointments
- Seivertson noted that terms of office are in place for many committee appointments, and he is looking for volunteers to serve on these committees.

- Senator Nunez suggested that we discuss this next academic year when the new senators can vote on this.

VIII. **Discussion**

1. C&I Reorganization: Changes to Voting Membership
 - This item was tabled.
2. Cost Containment Suggestions from Planning and Budget Committee: Michael Heumann
 - The committee members made many different cost containment suggestions. Most focused on cutting the “5000s” or “other” expenditures.
 - President Seivertson passed on suggestions that he had received from faculty, including:
 - Enhancing the energy efficiency of our buildings
 - Eliminating winter term
 - Eliminating summer term instead of winter term
 - Creating a four-day work week
 - Paying faculty overload rates for teaching summer/winter sessions
 - Eliminating the Brawley campus
3. College Council Revised Standing Rules
 - The rules were distributed to the senators prior to this meeting.
4. Wind Zero Continued
 - Wind Zero was discussed at the last meeting
 - Dr. Gould sent a statement to the Senate noting: “We have been clear on the position of Wind Zero. The position since Gary [Rodgers] was interim president is that we support the project in that it will provide a place for our police and fire academy to train and save the college the expense of building those facilities. That is the extent of our endorsement that parallels the position of the area police chiefs. The Wind Zero web page is misleading in that it does not indicated the limitation of our support.”
 - Edie Harmon noted that the list of the scope of the project was not made available to the public or (she surmised) to the college.
 - Montenegro noted that shooting ranges do exist currently in the county.
 - Nunez suggested that this issue be brought to the Board of Trustees.
 - Gretz noted that she spoke to the POST coordinator after the last meeting. There is no EVOC track in the county.
 - Lavery asked what we should do with this information. Should we ask the Board to work to take our name off the Wind Zero website.
 - Ray Lutz said he was recording this meeting for a web site called Citizen Oversight. He feels that a public college should not endorse a for-profit organization like Wind Zero. He demands that IVC should insist that its name be taken off the Wind Zero web site.

- Dr. Gould came to answer questions on this topic. He noted that we have a good relationship with local law enforcement, and they are in favor of Wind Zero. We do not have a formal relationship with Wind Zero right now, but our programs are growing and we may be working with them in the future. Our endorsement is focused on supporting law enforcement training.

X. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm when there was no longer quorum.