Cabrillo College Faculty Senate
Tuesday Nov 3, 2009
3:02pm - 5:08pm

Attendance: Eva Acosta, Winnie Baer, Dave Balogh, Janus Blume, Virginia Coe, Jean Gallagher-Heil, John Govsky, Steve Hodges, Calais Ingel, Renee Kilmer, Francisco Ponce, Beth Regardz, Dave Reynolds, Sylvia Winder, Dan Rothwell, Adrienne Saxton, Letitia Scott-Curtis, Topsy Smalley, Kayleb Spencer, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Alex Taurke, Lenny Norton (Covering for Rebecca Arnesty Fall’09)

Note Taker: Kayleb Spencer

1.0 Call to order
   1.1 – The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

2.0 Minutes
   2.1 – The senate reviewed and approved the minutes from our 10/06/09 and 10/20/09 meetings.

3.0 Reports
   3.1 – President (Steve Hodges)
       3.1.1 – Steve reminded the senate that there will be a release of college employee salary information to the Santa Cruz Sentinel. Steve asked the administration, as a courtesy, to individually contact people who are in the top of the ranking so that they are not surprised by possible media attention. They are requesting all salaries of all full time employees, but many faculty are recommending including all teaching salaries be included. Dan suggested that we should also include the median teaching salary. Letitia stated that CPC felt that there needs to be outreach to staff and faculty who have questions and concerns. Alex mentioned that there should be nothing to worry about—we shouldn’t be defensive about our salaries.
       3.1.2 – Steve announced that elections are coming up at the end of the semester and asked John to serve, along with Steve, as the officials for this election.
       3.1.3 – Steve scheduled a presentation by the Cabrillo College Foundation on December 1st and a Digital Bridge presentation for our Flex week meeting next semester.
       3.1.4 – Steve talked about higher education textbook costs and noted that upcoming changes will require the college to publish the cost of textbooks. Faculty may have to reorder textbooks sooner; we will discuss implications at our next meeting.
   3.2 – Vice President (Letitia Scott-Curtis)
       3.2.1 – Letitia announced that the student evaluation form for online students will now be available online. This is expected to lead to a significant increase in the response rate.
   3.3 – Secretary (John Govsky)
       3.3.1 – Nothing to report
   3.4 – Treasurer (Dave Reynolds)
       3.4.1 – Dave announced that Peggy is retiring and she may have to be replaced.
3.4.2 – After reviewing information about the textbook law, Dave noted that one significant new benefit is that publishers are now required to specify what changes have been made when they release a new edition.

3.5 – CCFT (John Govsky)
3.5.1 – John announced that the union had negotiated a side letter to allow for online teacher evaluation for online teachers.

3.6 – CCEU (Janus Blum)
3.6.1 – Janus reported that applications to A&R are down this year, but that it was a tremendous amount of work for classified staff to process the apps. Financial aid applications have increased significantly. In upcoming elections, CCEU will be selecting a president and vice president, and CCEU has re-appointed the same contract negotiating team as the previous round.

3.7 – Watsonville (Eva Acosta)
3.7.1 – Nothing to report

3.8 – ASCC (Kayleb Spencer)
3.8.1 – Nothing to report

3.9 – VPI (Renee Kilmer)
3.9.1 – Renee announced that there were two CIO meetings to see what all the colleges are doing. There were a number of sessions on data including scheduling applications. It will have the number of hours and breaks.
3.9.2 – Met with accrediting 41
3.9.3 – Chancellors take on task 1, send out surveys to the colleges
3.9.4 – Went forward with making it better, and first response it’s not our job to be collaborative. One recommendation was to move from 6 year cycle to 8-10 year cycle. Doing more in-depth training and willing to have more collaboration to have conferences to get people better trained.
3.9.5 – The commissioners are actually running the commission. 25% classes were cut so President ____ decided to have campus police.

4.0 Unfinished or Ongoing Business
4.1 – Running Start Update
4.1.1 – Margery Regalado Rodriguez sent a follow-up regarding the scheduling of enrollment periods. Priority registration will be reduced from five to three days which will result in a corresponding increase for continuing students to enroll.

4.2 – FTTW
4.2.1 – Catherine Lachance, project manager, talked about FTTW. Catherine mentioned that FTTW serves about 600 students and is growing. Their specialty is helping students stay focused on school and be able to get out into the work world as quickly as possible. Most of the students are full time students and they receive help with books, transportation, and tuition. Any suggestions are welcomed and the goal is to get students to come in and see what available services they can benefit from. There is no link from the Cabrillo web page because the web site is shut down due to some construction. They are currently recruiting students who are on or need food stamps or students who are unemployed. Students who are currently employed still qualify for some types of assistance.

4.3 – BP/AR 5075
4.3.1 – Steve announced that Sue Hass from IT had notified him that they may not be able to implement the proposed revisions to this policy. There will be additional discussion at Student Services Council on this before it moves forward. Steve does not feel any action needs to be taken at this time. Senators are encouraged to forward any thoughts to Dennis Baily-Fougnier.

4.4 – Budget Discussion
4.4.1 – Budget discussion moved to last item.

5.0 New Business
5.1 – Student Services – Helping Faculty, Helping Students

5.1.1 – Dennis Baily-Fougner came to the senate to discuss Student Services. One of Dennis’ first projects is to facilitate faculty connect their students and available services. Dennis stated that Student Services is currently putting together a website that will have services on and off campus. There will be a link sent out to all faculty members announcing when the website is available which will hopefully be launched by the end of November. The Student Service building has 12 computers for students to use.

5.2 – Innovative Excellence In Teaching, Learning, And Technology

5.2.1 – If interested in identifying a nominee refer to the Teaching and Learning in Higher Education pamphlet. Steve and Renee can send out a joint email to all staff asking for nominations, and then run a vote between the Faculty Senate and Instruction Council to select a candidate.

5.3 – BP Changes: 3290, 3230, 3010, 3110, 3410

5.3.1 – Steve briefly highlighted the proposed changes to these board policies. Senators should review in preparation for action at our next meeting.

5.4 – Budget Discussion

5.4.1 – Last year we made a significant amount of cuts to TUs. Currently, there is a proposal for additional cuts. Wintersession is about 120 units, of which about 80 could be cancelled.

5.4.2 – Dave commented that having summer night classes in Scotts Valley will do some disservice to those who cannot take day classes.

5.4.3 – Letitia announced that online summer courses will be coming back next Summer.

5.4.5 – Dan suggested if we have to cut units it seems it would be best to cut winter rather than fall or spring.

5.4.6 – A meeting was arranged with a number of honor students who planned on taking classes in the winter and now have to add more units in the spring.

5.4.7 – Students were able to make up 60 units by summer to transfer but must now complete their 60 units by June.

5.4.9 – Dave commented that by contract, classified staff will be on campus during the winter so it’s still open, and if it’s still open there should be some classes still open.

5.4.10 – Janus reported that this is really tough from a classified point of view. They support a Wintersession cut because if not there will be staff getting laid off. Many classified staff have 10 and 11 month contracts and don’t work through winter session.

5.4.11 – Letitia stated from what is being said we need to be prioritizing transfer students.

5.4.12 – Motioned “At this time, the Faculty Senate is opposed to any further cuts to teaching units. We are neither in support of or opposed to the suspension of Wintersession for 2010/2011.” Motion was second and passed.

5.4.13 – Motion “At this time, the Faculty Senate is opposed to any further cuts to teaching units. Due to facilities and transportation issues we are opposed to scheduling Summer evening courses only in Watsonville.” Seconded. Discussion included commentary on driving time from Scotts Valley to Watsonville and needed facilities at the Aptos campus. It was noted that Watsonville is primarily an evening campus. Motion passed.

6.0 Open Forum and Agenda Building

6.1 – There were no non-agenda items.

7.0 Adjourn

7.1 – The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm