Cabrillo College Faculty Senate

Tuesday Dec 1st, 2009


Note Taker: Kyleb Spencer

1.0 Call to order
   1.1 – The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm

2.0 Minutes
   2.1 – The senate moved, seconded, and approved the minutes for our 11/3/09 and 11/17/09 meetings.

3.0 Reports
   3.1 – President (Steve Hodges)
      3.1.1 – Steve announced that the elections are on going and so far there have been four nominations. The first round of nominations is closed and the second round is due by Monday. Elections will start promptly on Tuesday. There are four vacant seats for at-large senators: three regular two year terms are open and one vacant position with one year remaining. The top three vote getters will take the full terms.
      3.1.2 – Steve mentioned he had received an email regarding catalog and transfer rights. Schools are mandated to honor their own catalog rights and not mandated to honor other colleges. Colleges may choose to honor catalog rights from another campus but should be careful about setting precedence.
   3.2 – Vice President (Letitia Scott-Curtis)
      3.2.1 – No report at this time.
   3.3 – Secretary (John Govsky)
      3.3.1 – John mentioned that in the last meeting it was stated in someone's report that the bylaws and/or constitution posted on our website may be out of date but John reported after a review that they appeared to be fine.
   3.4 – Treasurer (Dave Reynolds)
      3.4.1 – No full report this time. Dave informed us that it was his understanding that some schools were hiring full time instructors and that South Orange County Community College District opened up 30 full time positions.
   3.5 – CCFT (John Govsky)
      3.5.1 – The CCFT is actively pursuing alternatives to a proposal for salary reductions.
   3.6 – CCEU (Janus Blume)
      3.6.1 – Janus introduced Rick Fillman (Institutional Research Analyst) who will be taking over for Janus as the CCEU Liaison to the senate. The senate thanked Janus for serving as liaison.
      3.6.2 – Rick announced that as of today we haven't made the next round of base budget cuts. So far, thirteen members have been affected and services are being reconfigured due to reduced staffing levels.
      3.6.3 – Rick also mentioned that there is concern with the impact on students who need our support programs and it is a very unfortunate situation.
   3.7 – Watsonville (Eva Acosta)
      3.7.1 – Eva announced that there will be a meeting next week to discuss consolidation strategies as a response to the budget situation.
   3.8 – ASCC (Kyleb Spencer)
      3.8.1 – MESA has been granted $7,000 for tutor funding and general program expenses in an effort to maintain the strengths of this service.
      3.8.2 – A position on the student senate has been opened, if anyone knows any students who would be interested in running for treasurer please visit the student senate office in SAC East.
   3.9 – VPI (Renee Kilmer)
      3.9.1 – Renee would like to congratulate Dan for being selected as Cabrillo’s nominee for the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and/or Technology. He will be going to the conference in April, and the Staff Development Committee will fund his travel expenses.
      3.9.2 – Renee will be hosting a holiday party for the senate and instruction a week from this Thursday.

4.0 Unfinished or Ongoing Business
   4.1 – Flex Calendar: The senate reviewed the 2010 Flex Calendar.
4.1.1 – This Flex week includes four days of activities and division departments on Friday. Motion to accept the new flex week calendar has been approved and passed.

4.2 – AR Changes: 3010, 3110, 3290. The proposed changes to these items were presented at our last meeting.
   4.2.1 – 3010 Graduation Requirements: moved, seconded, and passed.
   4.2.2 – 3110 Field Trips and Excursions: moved, seconded, and passed
   4.2.3 – 3290: Auditing Credit Courses: moved, seconded, and passed.

4.3 – DSPS
   4.3.1 – DSPS has a number of components including learning skills and counseling, adaptive PE, assistant technology, and the stroke center. We are not sure of class reductions at this point. Reducing contracts instead of elimination positions has been a thought.
   4.3.2 – Referring to the stroke center Lenny states that in the proposal, the four faculty members are currently at 75% contracts and that it is proposed that they be reduced to 50% contracts. The yearly budget is typically about $600,000 and the proposed reduction is to $200,000.
   4.3.3 – We hope that classified staff will have reduced contracts or positions will likely be eliminated; adjunct’s may not be with us or one may have a large reduction.
   4.3.4 – The test proctor center is paid out of student services funds. We are looking into having a larger assessment center. We are here to make you aware and ask for support. We are not cutting services that are mandated and there are a lot of students being tested for learning disability.
   4.3.5 – The stroke center has had major cuts and we are a lot busier; however, if we are staying like this it doesn’t look like we are going to be able to serve the students in the same way in the past. We may even have to change the type of students we serve. We are testing fewer students as well as teaching fewer classes.

5.0 New Business

5.1 – Cabrillo College Foundation
   5.1.1 – Melinda Silverstein, Executive Director of the Cabrillo College Foundation, was here to discuss the current state of fundraising. The foundation is a 501C3 non-profit that raises funds for Cabrillo College. Unlike some college foundations, they are self funded and are extraordinarily successful—they are one of the top foundations in the community college system. They are often asked “what makes a successful foundation?” Their reply is “You have to have a wonderful product (Cabrillo College) as well as having system and policies [for effective fundraising] in place. Our solicitations are well thought out.” They currently raise between two and four million dollars a year and have raised 40 million dollars since their founding and typically have between four and five thousand donors a year.
   5.1.2 – They don’t have a budget for web fundraising but are interested in moving forward with this—although they caution that, given their current effectiveness, a web fundraising project may see little increase or even a net decrease in funding. The foundation already does several types of outreach to a large segment of the community.

5.2 – TTIP
   5.2.1 – Johanna Bowen, Library Director, presented a resolution regarding funding of online library information resources. Johanna reported that librarians across the state feel strongly that electronic resources had been cut by the state. Refer to the resolution paper for more details. Johanna is asking to make some statement from the senate, maybe an endorsement from Cabrillo College to help support electronic resources.

5.3 – Chinese
   5.3.1 – Due to TU cuts, the Chinese 2 course that would have been offered spring 2010 has been cancelled. The senate reviewed the implications of this decision.
   5.3.2 – Eric Hoffman commented that those kinds of cuts are not normally under the prevue of CCFT. It’s Eric’s belief that Chinese 2 should have an opportunity for advocacy when other programs did (referring to the Senate’s review of proposed cuts to some instructional programs last year.) Eric stated that there should be public discussion about this proposed cut.
   5.3.3 – Jim Weckler, Dean of BELA, reminded us that when he came to Cabrillo that we didn’t offer any Chinese courses. He decided to pilot a Chinese 1 and Chinese 2 section in hopes that they would be successful. He stated that Chinese 2 was cut because there weren’t enough students to fill the section. Jim reported that this was not the first foreign language section to be cut—for example, a German 2 section was already cut. Chinese 2 has had only 15–17 students every year. Jim stated that we would need at least 2 or 3 sections of Chinese 1 to support a successful Chinese 2 section. Jim is planning on reintroducing Chinese courses when the units become available. Our students are not without options—Chinese 2 is offered at De Anza, MPC, or SJ City College.

6.0 Open Forum and Agenda Building
   6.1 – None at this time

7.0 Adjourn
   7.1 – The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.