Cabrillo College Faculty Senate
Tuesday, February 01, 2010
3:05 PM – 5:00 PM
Flex Week meeting at the Watsonville Center

In Attendance: Eva Acosta, Marcy Allencraig, Rick Fillman, Jean Gallagher-Heil, John Govsky, Steve Hodges, Calais Ingel, Renee Kilmer, Michael Mangin, Diego Navarro, Beth Regardz, Dave Reynolds, Dan Rothwell, Adrienne Saxton, Letitia Scott-Curtis, Deborah Shulman, Topsy Smalley, Alex Taurke, Sylvia Winder.

Guests: Georg Romero, Jo-Ann Panzardi, Peter Shaw, Jennifer Cass, Spiro Politis, Craig Hayward, James Weckler, Rachel Mayo, Brian King, Geneffa Jonker

1.0 Call to Order
   1.1 The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

2.0 Minutes
   2.1 No minutes were reviewed at this meeting.

3.0 Reports
   3.1 President (Steve Hodges)
       3.1.1 – President Steve Hodges approved the appointment of Carol Jensen to the Chancellor's Office Real Estate Advisory Committee.
       3.1.2 – Steve announced that Marcy Alancraig was the 2010 Area B winner of the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education, and the senate heartily congratulated her.
   3.2 – Treasurer (Dave Reynolds)
       3.2.1 – Dave Reynolds reported that our membership drive yielded twelve new Faculty Senate dues-paying members.
   3.3 – CCFT Liaison (John Govsky)
       3.3.1 – Preliminary CCFT negotiations are just getting started.
   3.4 – CCEU (Rick Fillman)
       3.4.1 – Rick commended the union stewards for their work on positional
and personnel transitions and for their monitoring of district activity. 

3.4.2 – Rick commented that some CCC campuses have a Classified Senate in addition to a bargaining unit and that the classified staff are happy being represented by the CCEU.

3.5 – Watsonville (Eva Acosta)

3.5.1 – Rachel Mayo, Dean of Education Centers, was present and gave the Watsonville report. January was relatively quiet and the Watsonville staff took advantage of the brief respite to get lots of work done. Work on the Title V grant and the Green Technology Center is ongoing. A new information kiosk at Watsonville will be installed and work on the website is being done now.

3.6 – VPI (Renee Kilmer)

3.6.1 – Renee reported on the ongoing talks with the ACCJC. Basically they appeared unable to hear any suggestions for improvement.

5.0 New Business

5.1 – Library Transition Plan

Georg Romero, Library Director, reported that he would be serving as the faculty director of the library on an interim basis. Dean Margery Regalado Rodriguez will be providing administrative oversight. The library will continue to provide the best service that they can and will continue to develop their collection. The library staff want Faculty Senate support for the eventual restoration of the administrative Library Director position. Information will be emailed to faculty soon. So far no student positions, services, or hours have been cut.

5.2 – Digital Bridge

5.2.1 – Diego Navarro, Craig Hayward, Geneffa Jonker, and Jennifer Cass presented some information about the Digital Bridge program.

5.2.2 – Diego highlighted the large number of incoming students who will be unable to obtain degrees due to lack of preparation, particularly in English and math. The Digital Bridge program is designed to increase success by mandating full-time attendance, creating a academic community, and by providing a range of support services. A key components of the academic program is a foundation course that prepares the students for college level work.

5.2.3 – Craig presented some early data that suggests that the program is effective in raising student success rates. Senators commented that they would like to the the data controlled for full-time enrollment so as to be able to measure the effectiveness of other parts of the program.

5.2.4 – Geneffa reported that she is experimenting with an acceleration technique of combining English 254 and English 100 students in the same class. Geneffa commented that it is harder to teach multiple reading levels together than multiple writing levels in the same course. It was reported
that the Digital Bridge data that shows successful English results was only based on three course sections highlighting the need for more data.

5.2.5 Jennifer reported that the Math Department had developed new courses for the Digital Bridge Program (a CTE Contextualized Math course, and a Numeracy & Stats course) A science cohort, including physics, chemistry, and biology, was piloted for the first time in Fall 2009 and work on developing it continues.

6.0 Open Forum and Agenda Building
   6.1 – No items

7.0 Adjourn
   7.1 – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.