



Faculty Senate | MINUTES

Date/Time | 11/3/2016 2:30 PM | Meeting location KSC1000B

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| President | Jon Storslee |
| President Elect | Keith Kelly |
| Treasurer | Mike Hamm |
| Secretary | Sean Petty |
| Meeting Type | Monthly |

Attendees

Jon Storslee, Keith Kelly, Sean Petty, Thomas Schmidt, Marianne Auten, Mike Hamm, Amy Woodbeck, Tomi Johnston, Dale Heuser, Kande Mickelsen, Kurt Hill, Jeff Hoyt, Marilyn Cristiano (Guest), Carolyn Miller (Guest)

MEETING DETAILS

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| Meeting Called to order by | Jon Storslee |
| Time Called to order | 2:30 PM |
| Approval of Agenda | Yes |
| Approval of Minutes | Yes |
| Treasurer Report | Yes |

OFFICER REPORTS

President

During the meeting, Jon had discussed the following items:

The need to modernize the faculty senate website (Update):

The website is currently in-work and Jon had raised the idea of posting pictures of the of the faculty senate to the web site. Some of the senate members feel that it would be better to post pictures of various faculty teaching throughout the campus. No decision has been reached on this matter.

Student admission site (SIS):

Jon expressed that he “feels better” about the modifications being made to the site, and that it is more accessible and easy to read. The new site is more streamlined and makes it easier for prospective students to register for courses. The new site will be live in January and available to students for Spring registration.

RIF Process (Update)

Jon reiterated that we at PVCC are in a good place in regards to the RIF. Currently, enrollments are down only 2% for Fall, and the projected Spring enrollments have PVCC up by 4.9%. However, some of our sister colleges have had some issues with enrollments and are continuing experience declines in student population. At this time, no faculty have been threatened by lay-offs at any of the colleges.

Need a Service Faculty Rep for Meet and Confer:

Jason Reif will soon be leaving the Meet and Confer team and will require a replacement. Those who are interested should apply as soon as possible.

RFP Updates

Jon urges any faculty who have an issue with changing the FEP language in the RFP, to speak up immediately.

District Reorganization:

There is still no word on the specifics surrounding this issue. Jon expressed to Paul Dale that many of the faculty and staff are becoming apprehensive over the lack of detail and communication surrounding the transition. There will be more to come in the near future.

HLC Master's Degree Requirement

The HLC requirement for those teaching in academic subjects to have a Master's degree in the field is rapidly approaching. Those who need to take classes to become compliant must submit a plan by September of 2017 and complete that plan by September of 2019. PVCC has five faculty members who are affected by this requirement.

Digital Signage

Digital signs are appearing all over the campus and will soon be complete. Once finished, we have the ability to isolate zones across the campus for targeted marketing and advertising.

President Elect

Students being funneled into select courses:

Keith expressed concern over some of the advising practices of funneling students into courses that only meet their respective degree objectives. In some cases, advisors are determining what electives are supporting the students major and directing students ONLY to those courses. The concern rests on within the fact that there are many other courses that could fulfill degree requirements that aren't being presented to the students, thus contributing to lower enrollments in those courses.

Faculty senate should be connected with Adjuncts:

While Carolyn was voicing her concern over the transparency of the District regarding professional staff and adjuncts, Keith suggested that the faculty senate should be engaged with the adjunct faculty as we can be equally effected by issues that impact them.

Support for Dale Heuser's Transgender Benefit Initiative:

Keith supports Dale's action to address the board in an effort to obtain benefits for transgender personnel who are in the process of transformation. If enacted, support for transgender personnel would cost 20-70 cents per month. Keith also believes that we should support this for not only employees, but address

student issues as well. He has had transgender students in the past whose information in the system could not accurately reflect their gender status.

ITT Student acquisition:

After ITT closed its doors, there are approx. 2,000+ students who were impacted. Keith would like to continue to explore options in offering some type of incentive to attract those students to our campus. The main issue with transferring credits from students who attended ITT is that once the school closed its doors; the accreditation agency also shut down. It may be possible to meet with the IC's in order to formulate a plan.

Treasurer

Report Provided

Secretary

No Report

Amy Woodbeck

District Developments and Developmental Education:

The developmental education committee members met for the first time on November 2nd, to discuss the possibility of a full-time district developmental coordinator. The desire of the faculty is to have a full-time member fill this position but the VPAA's don't see the position as a full-time billet. Sam is supportive of it being a full-time district level position and some colleges already have full-time dev-ed coordinators. There was also some conversation of comparing dev-ed to the honors structure.

ACTION ITEMS

Senior Rate Tuition (Update)

“The Governing Board approved mid-year revisions to the Senior Tuition Rate and added a new Educational Service Partnership (ESP) Tuition Rate and Open Educational Resource (OER) special fee.

The Senior Tuition Rate, instituted July 1, 2016, allows eligible senior citizens to enroll in credit classes at a 50% reduction in the tuition rate for county residents. As created, eligible students had to enroll after the initial class meeting. They were not able to enroll online and they missed a day of class. Effective Spring 2017, eligible senior citizens will be able to enroll and pay online with no restriction on registration date.”

Certify Results of Division Chair Elections

Christine Tabone (English) and Marilyn Christiano (Hum/Com) won the election by an overwhelming majority. The members of the Faculty Senate voted to certify the election results.

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| Motioned by | Seconded by | YEA | NAY |
| Kurt Hill | Sean Petty | All Present | None |

Add Benefits for Transgender Individuals in Transition

The members of the Faculty Senate discussed and agreed to bring a motion forward to provide a letter of support for the committee involving transgender personnel. The letter of support will be brought forward to the FEC in an attempt to gain certain benefits for transgender personnel.

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| Motioned by | Seconded by | YEA | NAY |
| Marylin Cristiano | Sean Petty | All Present | None |

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Carolyn Miller

Carolyn attended the Senate meeting in order to get a better understanding of the structure and process of the faculty senate. Carolyn expressed her concern for the lack of transparency that is being exhibited by the District in regards to actions and other business related items that may impact professional staff. Additionally, she discussed the possibility of adjuncts migrating to a scaled pay system that is grouped into different “tiers” based on experience. However, it was noted during the meeting that this is all still conjecture and no official decisions have yet to be made.

MEETING CONCLUSION

Meeting Adjourned

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| Motion to Adjourn | Motion Seconded | Time |
| Kurt Hill | Mike Hamm | 3:50 PM |