Cabrillo College Faculty Senate

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013

3-5 P.M.

SAC West, Room 202

In Attendance: Eva Acosta, Winnie Baer, Arturo Cantu, John Govsky, Calais Ingel, Sheryl Kern-Jones, Brian Legakis, Michael Mangin, Robin McFarland, Dusty McKenzie, Diego Navarro, Lenny Norton, Ekua Omosupe, Yasmina Porter, Beth Regardz, Dan Rothwell, Alex Taurke, Sylvia Winder, Marcy Alancraig, Abigail Kennedy


Note Taker: Jeffrey Leach

1. Call to Order
   1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Minutes
   1. November 5th, 2013
      1. Approved.

3. Unfinished Business
   1. Safety Committee Report - Jason Camara – Non-smoking Policy
      1. In the past it’s mostly been a question of where the best place to allow smoking is.
      2. This is different, a ban on smoking period, including e-cigarettes.
      3. We have some opinion data:
         1. A poll shows 52% of students don’t want a ban, even though far less than that actually smoke.
         2. 75% of classified staff support a ban.
         3. A survey of Basic Skills students found 35% smokers, and 60% against a ban. They don’t want classmates to be late because of having to walk far from their smoke. They want classmates to be more relaxed.
      4. Many other campuses – all UC’s - are going completely smoke free.
      5. Not many studies have actually been done on e-cigarettes yet. Most of the studies that have been done are funded by tobacco industry.
      6. Nicotine itself is extremely dangerous, it’s just in really low doses in forms people consume it.
      7. We can only control it on our campus, Soquel Drive sidewalks would still be fair game for smokers. Our neighbors would get a lot more smokers who can’t light up on campus.
8. Some students need to feel welcomed here. A smoking ban could make people feel excluded.
   1. Other reasons for feeling unwelcome may be more important.
9. Right now, enforcement is focused on other drugs, not cigarettes.
10. It’s easier to enforce no smoking completely than enforce it in certain areas.
11. More litter may be an unintended consequence.
12. The CA trend is going smoke free, it will probably happen soon. Let’s start with an education campaign, transitioning slowly into smoke free, and awareness that secondhand smoke is also bad.
13. A lot of people don’t totally recognize the danger.
14. Addiction is a difficult thing to deal with fairly. Nicotine has it’s mental benefits at times. We need to realize this to have respectful discussion.
15. Perhaps we could provide patches or gum to people who want to be here, but can’t give up addiction.
16. Motion to plan for a smoke free campus by Fall, 2015, along with education campaign.
   1. Approved.

4. **Standing Reports**
   1. President (Michael Mangin)
      1. We will not need an extra meeting this semester.
      2. 5-6PM tonight, there will be having a community forum on plans to sustain fine arts and performance courses and programs.
         1. This will be about repeatability and lifelong learning
         2. Another forum like this is happening in a week, in Watsonville.
         3. Comment: our current music, dance, theater, and arts faculty are unhappy.
      4. The potential, and actual FTES loss impacts us all.
   3. Vicki Fabbri is leading a pilot project for teachers to visit each other’s classes and discuss teaching styles/techniques. The Faculty Consultation Network. Sign up if you’re interested.
   4. Spring 2014 schedule of Senate meetings is posted.
      1. We’ll continue Core 4 education of faculty in the Spring.
      2. There will be a basic skills conference. It would be good if we all understood the basic skills program and the challenges the college faces in the near future.
   5. Elections
      1. There have been 5 nominations for the 3 at large Senate positions.
      2. Committee update. Alex Taurke has been nominated to serve as CPC delegate.
         1. Alex will be appointed.
      3. John Govsky is only nomination for secretary and Lenny Norton and Jo-Ann Panzardi are both interested in the treasurer position.
      4. Email straw poll of Senators will be Dec. 11-18.
   2. VP (Calais Ingel)
      1. At CPC meeting we had reps from Second Harvest Food Bank. Money is more useful than food to them. Food is still welcome. Also heard from United Way representatives.
      2. CPC meets again tomorrow.
   3. Secretary (John Govsky)
1. No report
4. Treasurer (Lenny)
   1. Would like to continue to serve as treasurer.
   2. We have money.
   3. There have been a few people joining Senate.
   4. Let's make a short card telling what the dues money goes for so we all say the same thing.
5. CCFT (John Govsky)
   1. Our last meeting of the year is the 9th. Half of the meeting will be a party with gift exchange.
   2. The upcoming CA School Superintendent political race is important. COPE has donated some money to Tom Torlakson.
   3. VAPA faculty have met to talk about repeatability and non-cred issues, etc.
6. Watsonville (Eva Acosta)
   1. We’ve been very busy
   2. Thank you for talking about ed plans.
   3. Many students still don’t know they have to petition for a degree.
7. Student Rep (Abigail Kennedy)
   1. We had a lot of stuff last week. Thanksgiving events were very successful.
      Volleyball playoff party was very good too. Our efforts at student involvement are working!
   2. MLK essay contest deadline is being pushed back (maybe to the 20th).
8. SLO (Marcy Alancraig)
   1. Today was deadline for programs to catch up with their SLO assessments.
   2. We’ve come from 68% to around 80% of courses completing assessment.
9. VPI (Wanda Gartner in Kathie’s place)
   1. The state compensates non-credit instruction at a lower rate than it does for credit units.
      1. Comment: it’s not encouraging how our allies don’t seem that optimistic about fighting to restore repeatability and lifelong learning. The idea that non-credit classes won’t be funded at all is important, and scary. Basic skills courses may become non-credit courses.
      1. We’ll talk more next semester.

5. New Business
1. AP4241 – Progress Renewal
   1. This is a draft for a new admin procedure. We need a policy in place for spring and want to pilot this proposal.
   2. Jay’s presentation:
      1. Academic standing. There are two types of probation. “Academic,” due to low GPA; or “progress,” due to behavior that doesn’t impact GPA (Ws, NPs, etc.)
      2. We have a system to remove old grades to help the GPA issue here under some circumstances, but nothing for Progress probation. Students that get to probation level 2 will lose registration priority. We’d like to be able to clear W and NP grades under some circumstances so students aren’t penalized for that.
      1. The specifics came from our version of what other colleges do, and only
affect progress probation.

2. This has been approved by other committees at Cabrillo.

3. Discussion and clarification
   1. There may be some ambiguity in the wording of the third bullet point.
   2. Dismissal isn’t that big a deal now, but will be before long.
   3. This will help veterans who had to drop classes because they were called away for deployment mid semester.
   4. This will not affect the three-strikes rule.
   5. It does not erase students’ records, it just gets them out of probation.
   6. When students are dismissed, all their operations are blocked for the next year. They can get into the current semester classes, but next semester in order to be unblocked they have to meet with counselors.

7. Ideas to make this better:
   1. Two semesters without a single withdrawal may be too hard on students.
   2. We could make this “at least one semester” not two, which would make it easier on students.
   3. Perhaps it would be better to give them an out tied to GPA rather than two semesters without a W. Sometimes a W is the best choice for a student.

8. People may see “dismissal” and give up, without knowing about any kind of appeal like this.

9. The population we’re talking about is students who sign up for 12 or 15 units and withdraw from more than half. Our system is in place to make these people plan their semester better and free up class space for other students to take that class.

10. We will revisit this and maybe make it even better when it’s less time sensitive.

4. Move to approve as presented.
   1. Second
   2. Approved.

2. Spring 2014 Flex Calendar – Francine Van Meter
   1. We’ve (Staff Development Committee) been a bit overwhelmed. Started with around 70 events proposed, got it down to just over 50. This is doable.
   2. You can also access info on these events on the website, and there will be a smartphone/tablet app for it.
   3. Motion to approve calendar
      1. Approved

3. S4C: 4th grade experience on campus. It was awesome the first year, but hectic. The second year was not as successful. We didn’t have as much commitment from faculty. Some student volunteer guides didn’t show.

4. If we’re going to keep doing this we need commitment from Cabrillo faculty.

5. Can we pull this off for the third year, in May (maybe 9th)?
   1. Cabinet said they’re committed, so it’s up to Faculty.
   2. This activity gets you Flex Credit.
   3. Motion stating Senate’s support for 4th grade experience.
      1. Approved.
6. ACCJC Letter
   1. Draft developed by CCFT and statewide unions. This has been disseminated at earlier Senate meetings. The content reflects general concerns about ACCJC also approved in ASCCC’s Resolutions. If we want this to be of any value to CCSF’s legal struggle, we need to pass this now.
   2. Concern expressed over ACCJC’s reaction to this letter and how that might complicate Cabrillo’s accreditation process.
   3. Motion to approve.
      1. Approved.