Cañada College Academic Senate Governing Council Minutes Thursday, April 12, 2007

Council Members in Attendance: Martin Partlan, Katie Schertle, Jenny Castello, David Clay, Carol Rhodes, Monica Malamud; Lezlee Ware

Senate Members and Guests in Attendance: Tom Mohr, Marilyn McBride, Ray Lapuz, Sharon Finn, Carolyn Jung

1. Call to Order: 1:40 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Passed with proposed time changes.

3. Approval of Minutes: 2/22/07 minutes: Postponed until next meeting. 3/22/07 minutes: Passed.

4. Public Comment: Advanced Placement Matrix from Curriculum Committee – Granting AP credit for AP exams is still considered problematic by faculty. Credit is being tied to a specific course "behind the scenes" but the class doesn't appear on the transcript. This creates logistical problems for students because they are then blocked from taking the course at Cañada (or another college) since it is considered repeating a course. The faculty wants it to be tied to an area instead of a specific course.

5. Old Business:

- **5.1 Committee Appointments:**
 - **5.1.1. Fitness/Dance:** Postponed until next meeting. **5.1.2. Anthropology:** Postponed until next meeting.
- **5.2 Scholarship for Teaching and Learning Proposal at CSM:** Postponed until next meeting so that Denise can present her ideas.

6. New Business:

- **6.1 Degree Level SLOs:** A revised draft of Cañada's Institutional (Degree) Level SLOs has been written based on input from Humanities and Social Sciences, Business and Workforce, Science and Technology, and the Curriculum Committee. There was a question about how #5 (Cultivate a set of values for personal and civic life as a responsible participant in a global community) and #6 (Recognize and evaluate practices that contribute to lifelong wellness) can be measured. It was suggested that, by taking part in the courses that address these particular SLOs, students undergo some form of assessment. One recommendation was to take the word "Degree" in the title of the document out of parentheses. There is still some resistance to the issue of SLOs and where they fit into current teaching practices and principles. Anyone with specific objections needs to come forward and make their concerns known.
- **6.2 Senate Dues Increase:** There are some concerns about increasing AS dues. The question was posed regarding what the faculty gets in return for dues paid. It was suggested that the list of what AS dues pay for should be presented formally in division meetings (overhead/handouts) to underscore the necessity of dues. In addition, the form for payroll deduction should also be presented at a division meeting in order to encourage faculty members to sign up if they haven't already. It was emphasized that the faculty of our campus needs to know that AS dues are not simply used for ASGC members' activities; these dues provide services for the *entire* faculty at Cañada.

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6.3 State Senate Plenary Discussion: There is a link to the Program of Events for this at the State Senate website, www.asccc.org. (It was noted that this is a perfect example of what AS dues pay for. Currently we are only able to send one faculty member to this because we can't afford more.)

7. Committee Reports:

- **7.1 Finance:** The letter to the faculty regarding AS dues has been finished and will be distributed via email.
- **7.2 Curriculum:** Program review went extremely well. Many attended and were duly impressed by the expertise, professionalism, and accomplishments of their colleagues.
- **7.3 Planning and Budget:** The focus has remained on Strategic Planning, specifically the mission, vision, goals, and strategies of the college. All information can be found at the Strategic Planning link at Inside Cañada.
 - **7.4 College Council:** No update.
- **7.5 AFT:** Concurrent enrollment and distance education were discussed. Having high school teachers teach our courses at high schools is <u>currently in practice</u>. The faculty must be diligent in monitoring any attempts to further this practice. To this end, concurrent enrollment courses should be listed in our schedule. The compressed calendar was discussed as well. The faculty at Cañada has expressed strong support for it.
 - **7.6 FACCC:** No update.
 - **7.7 Professional Personnel:** No update.
- **8.** Matters of Academic Interest: The pros and cons of the compressed calendar were discussed.
- **9.** Matters of Council Interest/Info from the State Senate: A request has been made to add concurrent enrollment to the next agenda. Additionally, the scheduled forum on establishing an honors program at Cañada needs to be postponed until proper discussion has taken placed by all interested parties.
- 10. Motion to Adjourn: 3:43.
- **11. Upcoming Meetings:** April 26, May 10. <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> We will be meeting in Building 3, Room 104 for the remainder of the semester.

To request that an item be added to the agenda, please contact one of the governing council members no later than one week prior to the next meeting (see above fore the dates of upcoming meetings).

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