SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING  
September 22, 2014  

Academic Senators: Chaddock, Deaton, Engstrom, Gaipa, Jones, Julian, Leboffe, Martin F., McGhee, Milburn, Patto, Perez, Pesce, Shelton, Spearman, St. George  

Proxy Senators:  

Adjunct Senate School Representatives: Ardrey, Bacon, Miles, Rivera  

Academic Senate Officers: Akers, Fontana, Haro, Harris, Lacher  

Guests: Heidi Bunkowske, Aaron Detty, Paul Greer, Heather Heinz, Angela Inthisane, Jan Lombardi, Elizabeth Norvell, Veronica Ortega, Denise Whisenhunt  

I. Call to order: 2:34  

II. Minutes from September 8, 2014 were approved by consensus  

III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda was approved by consensus  

IV. Announcements  

a. Live Well-Paul Greer and Veronica Ortega gave an update on their Step-Up to Live Well committee. This was first brought up through San Diego County’s Live Well initiative which is a 10 year strategic plan for healthier communities. The plan came about because of some data that the county collected which basically said that three behaviors have led to four diseases and over 50% of deaths in the San Diego County. The behaviors that lead to these deaths are nutrition choices, lack of exercise, and smoking. The diseases are heart disease, lung disease, type-two diabetes, and cancer. The 10 year strategic plan was created to build a healthier community. In September 2012, the initiative to have Step Up to Live Well on campus was launched. They began 2K walking paths, worked with food services on getting a smoothie bar, and partnered with mental health services. Paul Greer talked about monthly activities such as the 2K walks. They also have a monthly themed calendar that was put together as a committee. This initiation is trying to promote exercise and wellness as it is important for our health and would like the Academic Senate to be part of this. Greer and Ortega would like the senators to go back to their departments to share with their colleagues the importance of living well and the five dimensions of wellness in hopes of getting faculty to participate. There is going to be a committee meeting on October 1st in the MS building for anyone that is interested. Please contact Paul Greer or Veronica Ortega for more information.  

b. Nominations for 2014 Chancellor’s Student Success Award- The award will be presented by Chancellor Brice Harris at the Community College League of California (CCLC) Annual Convention, which will be held November 20-22, 2014, at the Westin Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please contact Berta Harris for details.  

c. Fall Plenary Session: at Irvine on Nov. 13-Nov. 15-Berta Harris quickly announced that there is going to be a Fall Plenary on November 13th through the 15th in Irvine. If anyone is interested or would like further details, please contact Berta Harris.  

V. Guest/Special Committees  

a. Associated Students-No Report
b. Basic Skills Course Descriptor Work-Jan Lombardi shared that the descriptors for CB-21 are in the process of being updated. Revisions were made and would like to come up with a descriptor for all of the transfer level courses as well as the pre-transfer level courses. Final recommendations will be soon made for the state-wide assessments and the descriptors; however, this is still an ongoing process. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Lombardi for further information.

c. Student Equity-Denise Whisenhunt passed out a handout that discussed the Student Equity Plan. The intent is for colleges to conduct a self-evaluation on their own improvement (or lack of improvement) to improve successful outcomes for all students. This plan includes the Student Success and Support (SSSP) Committee, Shared Governance Process, goals to meet expected outcomes, activities, assessment of goals and activities, Student Equity Workgroups, dialogue, and integration of existing efforts to address issues of student equity. This is due to the State Chancellor’s Office on January 1, 2015 (moved from November 21, 2014) and submissions to Vice Chancellor Lynn Neault are due to the Board on October 21st. Please submit to Board of Trustees for approval for the November 6th Board meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Whisenhunt for further information.

VI. Old Business

a. Curriculum review committee/assigning courses to discipline/prerequisites-Deanna Shelton mentioned that she wants to follow up on two items that were discussed during last semester’s Academic Senate meeting which were Mesa’s assigning courses to disciplines and Cross-Disciplinary Prerequisite Establishment. Shelton clarified that senators do not need to vote on assigning courses to disciplines. A sub-committee from CIC is working to resolve issues addressed by Mesa and City. Shelton said that there will need to be a vote made on the handout that was given during today’s meeting. Please take this handout and review it with your department as there will be a vote made at the next Academic Senate meeting on October 6th. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the handout, please contact Deanna Shelton.

b. Library follow up-Sandra Pesce updated senators about the issues that she had discussed during the previous meeting concerning budget cuts in the library. Pesce wanted to clarify what it is that librarians do which is to focus on student success. Since the last Academic Senate meeting, the librarians have brought their issue to Chairs. Also, she announced that the librarians made it to the front page of City Times. Pesce read a quote that was used in the article which stated, “Just because the doors are open and the lights are on doesn’t mean we have a library,” which sums up the fact that the library is more than just a building. The librarians are trying to help students become successful.

c. Social Justice Studies Working Group meeting-Pete Haro quickly shared that the overall goal is to try and create a program in Social Justice and also create an AA degree with an emphasis in Social Justice or something along the lines to this. The next meeting is to be announced.
VII. New Business
   a. Classified Hiring Resolution/first reading-Berta Harris read the first reading to a resolution regarding the hiring of classified staff. Changes have been discussed and will be worked on to make the resolution clearer and will be read again at the next Academic Senate meeting. If you have any questions regarding this resolution or would like a copy, please contact Berta Harris.
   b. New Catalog deadline change-Elizabeth Norvell announced that the new catalog change has been moved from March 18, 2015 to December 11, 2014. This means that all curriculum needs to be pre-launched by October 3, 2014. This is because student registration is expected to be earlier for next fall. This means that the course schedule needs to be ready along with the catalog. This is why the catalog deadline is earlier. Norvell is willing to help faculty with anything that needs to get done. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Norvell.

VIII. Officer Reports
   a. Adjunct representation-Robert Lacher quickly mentioned that there were a couple of vacancies for adjunct representatives so he sent an email to the DL list for adjuncts. Selene Miles is representing the sciences department and Sean Bacon is representing the arts.

IX. Facilities Update

X. Standing Committees
   a. Distance Learning-Sandra Pesce announced that the Distance Learning committee met on September 12th where they discussed the online education initiative. There are 24 pilot colleges in three different groups. They have a full launch group, a student readiness group and a tutoring group. City was not picked as one of the 24 pilot schools. If you want more details, you can visit ccconlineed.org or contact Sandra Pesce.

XI. Roundtable

XII. Adjourn 4:05 (Sally Deaton/Robert Lacher)