

**SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
September 22, 2008**

MINUTES

Present: Alexander, Cordell, Crispen, Davalos, Engstrom, Estrada, Fierro, Fontana, Gaipa, Greer, Harris, Kersey, King, Klipple, Lahijani, Leon, Lombardi, Lopez, Martinez, Pelletier, Pitcher, Rangus, Salgado, Sos, Spradley, Ward

I. Call to Order 2:30pm

II. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2008 Leon/Ward

III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

IV. Announcements

V. Guests/Special Committees

- a. Environmental Stewardship- The Farm Festival and launch of the new organic garden will be held October 16th from 10am-2pm. Guests will be able to enjoy the harvest while listening to intern presentations. Additional gardening and cooking organizations will also be participating in the event. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is beginning to organize a monthly e-waste event on campus where students and staff can drop off used computers, televisions and other electronics. They are also starting a permanent drop off location for old batteries, cell phones, and ink cartridges which will be located in the Cafeteria. With all the new construction on campus, K. Klipple proposed using the new landscaping as an educational venue by planting native and edible plants possible. It was also suggested that filtered water be available on campus to help displace the waste from plastic water bottles. This has been discussed with Food Services, but in order to work towards being self sustaining, the revenue made from water bottle sales is needed. The Executive Committee will discuss possible solutions and the issue will be revisited.
- b. Online Committee- G. Enright, San Diego City's representative to the District On-line Steering Committee, informed the Senate that a new representative to the committee is needed. Meetings are once a month on Mondays at 12:00pm and the location of the meeting is rotated around the district. City has been showing a lot of growth in online classes. Emphasis is now on improving the quality of the courses for both students and professors by making them more accessible and manageable.
- c. Associated Students- Vice President of the Associated Students, Josef Shannon, gave a summary of the recent activities and goals of the AS. The Associated Students is currently addressing a complaint about the lack of bike racks available on campus. J. Shannon reported that City College will have nine student representatives at the Student Senate on September 24th. An election to select more ASB officers is coming up.
- d. Learning Communities- E. Salinas discussed the benefits of linked courses at City College. Student success rates have steadily increased when learning communities are established. E. Salinas gave an overview of some types of learning communities on campus including: City Links, First Year Experience, Honors,

Puente, and Umoja. Next year, more courses will be linked. A math 35 and 95 instructor is needed. If interested, contact Elva Salinas at esalinas@sdccd.edu.

VI. New Business

- a. Basic Skills- J. Jarrel distributed the revised Basic Skills Committee action plan. The plan includes a list of long-term goals including establishing basic skills as an institutional priority, increasing the number of contract faculty who are highly trained in basic skills, and providing supplemental instruction and other forms of tutoring to basic skills students. The plan maps out the desired actions, the effective practice and strategies to achieve them and the target date of completion. Please send any corrections or suggestions to Jan Jarrell or Berta Harris.
- b. 67% Adjunct Load Increase- A majority of the Chairs are in favor of increasing adjunct faculty load to 67% and pursuing this issue with the district. Concerns were raised regarding the effect the increase may have on hiring new full time faculty. There is worry that the district will hire more adjunct faculty as an alternative in order to save money. Senators were encouraged to discuss this issue with their departments.
- c. Assessment and Measurement Language for Evaluation Tool- R. Alexander informed the Senate that there is discussion on all four campuses to change the word 'testing' on the faculty appraisal form to 'assessment'. There are many ways to assess students without testing. Assessment is ongoing and its purpose is to continually and frequently give feedback. This issue will continue to be discussed.

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- a. Master Plan Mission Statement and Philosophy Feedback- No changes were brought to the Senate.
- b. Senate Survey Feedback- No changes/additions were brought forward for the Senate survey being developed.

VIII. Officer Reports

IX. Facilities Update

X. Standing Committees

XI. Adjourn Ward/Rangus 3:40pm