

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
REGULAR MEETING
SSA Building – Room 1687
March 25, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Toby Bielawski, Jill Carbone, Rajeev Chopra, Greg Daubenmire, Heike Gecox, Mark Grooms, Richard Grow, Thomas Orf, Gilberto Victoria

GUESTS: Tina Inzerilla, Karin Spirn

1.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order/Quorum – 2:35 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda – MSC: G.Daubenmire / J.Carbone / APPROVED

1.3 Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2015 - Tabled

1.4 Public Comments – None

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 FSA Document – Thomas Orf

At the previous Senate meeting it was discussed and decided that approval by both colleges was required before making a final decision regarding granting a FSA. The following change was made in the document:

Former Language: The VP of Academic Services and the VP of Student Services for the respective college shall determine appropriate equivalences listed above for the full time instructors.

Changed To: The two VP of Academic Services (one from each college), and two VP of Student Services (one from each college) shall determine appropriate equivalences listed above for the full-time instructors. Consensus must be reached for approval.

MOTION made to move proposed FSA document forward to Chancellor's Cabinet.
MSC: G.Daubenmire / J.Carbone / APPROVED

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS – None

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Curriculum Committee – No report

4.2 Program Review Committee – Karin Spirn

- The committee is working on developing a shorter PR Update template. One page will be related to PR, and two pages to SLO information.
- The committee is currently reviewing the section relevant to PR written in the accreditation report and will provide feedback.
- The committee is reviewing the deans' summaries, and working on the template for next year.

4.3 SLO Committee – Tina Inzerilla

- In February the committee created the remainder of the program degree/certificate outcomes. Completed outcomes received by faculty replaced those written by the committee. There were also faculty in other programs who chose to review and accept the outcomes written by the committee.
- Regular program outcomes are complete.
- Faculty are to continue working on assessments.
- Names of part-time faculty interested in helping with SLO's can be sent to John Ruys.

4.4 CEMC – Thomas Orf

- Committee will schedule one more meeting in April and not meet again until Fall.
- Summer schedule is expected to be out during the second week of April.
- Summer and Fall schedules are complete, and Spring is still being tweaked.

4.5 Faculty Association – No report

4.6 Student Senate – No report

4.7 Treasurer – No report

4.8 President – No report

4.9 PBC – No report

4.10 Accreditation – No report

5.0 DISCUSSION OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Reassigned Time Update for Committees – Thomas Orf

The reassigned time proposal was presented at College Council. Still left to do is contacting the chairs for those committee under the Academic Senate, and inquiring about any additional time devoted to that committee outside of the regular meeting time.

5.2 Update on Administrator Evaluations – Thomas Orf

A response from Wyman Fong in the HR department at the district office was received. When hired, administrators are evaluated every two years. Faculty members are selected to be on those committees by the administrator's supervisor, and another is selected by the administrator. Thereafter, administrators are evaluated every three years.

There is no “written” documentation available, and all that was received was an explanation about the process. Tom will contact other colleges and inquire how their administrators are evaluated.

5.3 Update on Awards – Thomas Orf

- Reed Buffington Award nominations forms have been sent to all faculty. Deadline for submissions is April 15.
- Nomination forms for the Senate’s Distinguished Teaching and Outstanding Service awards have been sent, and that deadline is April 7.
- The recipient of the Friends of the Senate Award is selected by the Senate President and that process has begun.

6.0 DISCUSSION NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Flex Day – Greg Daubenmire

- Mandatory Flex Day (Fall) – September 15, 2015
The day will be devoted to program review and SLO’s.
- Flex Day (Spring) – Week of February 17, 2016
One day during that week to interact with counterparts at Chabot.

6.1 Statewide DE Initiative – Thomas Orf

Scott Vigallon presented to the ESS Committee (Educational Support Services) information about the Online Education Initiative for California. This topic has grown in momentum since when it was introduced. The college can no longer hold off deciding whether to participate. With still many unanswered questions, the state has decided to move forward, and faculty may be hurting themselves if they choose not to get involved.

Canvas has already been selected as the common course management system. This in itself causes a problem because people are familiar with Blackboard. Aside from all the unanswered questions the thing to do now is to get the “ball rolling” with this process and begin discussions. The DE committee brought this to the attention of the PBC because there are monetary issues involved. The state is a year away from offering these courses and several colleges are already on board. There could be ramifications - LPC could be getting a number of students from other colleges, and also losing students to other colleges.

The state has created a committee to decide if the courses offered meet the standards they have come up with that is decided at the state level, and would open up all sorts of curriculum issues. The possibility of having to create consistent course offerings, rubrics, and everything else might be something to consider in the future. The ESS Committee agreed that discussions should begin soon.

States that currently offer an online management system are all under one system. Since California is not this may mean that the state may want to merge all the community colleges under one community college system. As the colleges receive

more and more state and federal money, control and strings may be attached to that money. Just like prop 13 and K-12 there was an institutionalization of all community colleges that were not tailored towards community’s needs. This type of DE initiative may get students in and out, but the educational quality could be lost in the process.

Another thought is President Obama’s proposal of making community college free. The idea of increasing student access is definitely one of our goals, but the money provided may come with strings attached and outcomes the state wants to see, which are all great ideas, may not allow students to receive quality education as the community college sees it.

There definitely need to be more discussion at Flex Day or at a Town Meeting. Tom will pass along any new information related to this initiative when received.

7.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER

7.1 Announcements –

- LPC Shark Tank competition was held yesterday (March 24th) in the Little Theater. The winners have been decided and award presentations will be handed out on April 9th in each of the following categories:
Grand Prize – Most Likely to Succeed – Most Innovative – Judges Award
- Paula Schoenecker is stepping down as Chair of the Basic Skills Committee. Anyone interested in chairing this committee should contact Thomas Orf.
- Save The Date! Staff Appreciation, Wednesday – April 29 from 2-4 p.m.

Talking Points

- None

7.2 Adjournment – 3:41 p.m.

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Next Academic Senate Meeting – April 8, 2015

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