



**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
February 7, 2013**

Members Present: Kevin Alavezos, David Boley, Chris Briggs, Paul Cripe, Ellen Dambrosio, Deborah Gilbert, Deborah Laffranchini, Allan McKissick, Eva Mo, Mike Morales, Estella Nanez, Chad Redwing, Lisa Riggs, Dorothy Scully, Burt Shook, Travis Silvers, Jim Stevens, Rob Stevenson, James Todd, Layla Yousif

Members Absent: Bill Anelli, John Zamora, Jennifer Hamilton, Jim Howen

Guests Present: Brian Sinclair (BBSS), Susan Kincade (Vice President of Instruction), Nancy Wonder (Allied Health), Martha Robles (Dean, Matriculation, Admissions & Records), Lori O’Dell (Arts), Tania Adkins (Allied Health), Jim Sahlman (Arts)

I. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The order of the agenda was approved without objection.

M/S/C (Burt Shook, Kevin Alavezos) to approve the order of the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 24, 2013 meeting minutes were amended to reflect a correction made to the OAW section of the minutes, and a correction was made to the member’s present section. Debbie Laffranchini had noted that she was present at the January 24, 2013 meeting.

M/S/C (Ellen Dambrosio, Burt Shook) to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2013 as amended.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Appoint Michael Smedshammer to the Assistant Vice Chancellor of IT Hiring Committee

M/S/C (Debbie Laffranchini, Burt Shook) to appoint Michael Smedshammer to the Assistant Vice Chancellor of IT Hiring Committee.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SB1456 STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE, GUEST SPEAKER MARTHA ROBLES:

Martha Robles, Dean of Matriculation, Admissions & Records, reported information on the Student Success Initiative SB1456. Martha provided a PowerPoint and thoroughly discussed the



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Student Success Act of 2012 (SB 1456). Some of the key points that Martha discussed with the group was of the following:

- 8 focus areas of the Student Success Task Force
- Overview of SB 1456 Bill Language
- Established work groups
- Priority Enrollment

The PowerPoint will be made available on the Academic Senate web page:

<http://www.mjc.edu/facultyinformation/acadsenate/index.html>

2. Presentation: District Board Policy 7-8049-Academic Senates, Jim Sahlman:

Jim Sahlman, past Academic Senate President of Modesto Junior College, presented information on District Board Policy 7-8049. Jim explained what areas are “rely primarily” and “mutually agree” for the Academic Senate. Jim said that there are wrinkles when we discuss who actually is responsible for what area. He said that it would be wonderful to have the constituent groups sit down together to discuss the areas of responsibility for clarity. He went on to say that we need to define things to help the process.

Mr. Sahlman discussed the change within some of the language written in 7-8049 (previously labeled as Board Policy 4103). He said that what interests him the most, is that anytime you change the policy, it effects how we do things. The documents in their entirety, which were distributed by Mr. Sahlman, can be viewed on the Senate web page at the following address:

<http://www.mjc.edu/facultyinformation/acadsenate/index.html>

IV. REPORTS

STUDENT SENATE

NO REPORT

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD (position currently in process to fill)

NO REPORT

FACULTY LIASION FOR PROGRAM REVIEW (position currently in process to fill)



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NO REPORT

ACCREDITATION INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

ASSESSMENT WORK GROUP

NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

A survey is being conducted in order to gather information to inform the implementation of Senate Bill 1052 (Steinberg, 2012). This bill and its companion, Senate Bill 1053 (Steinberg, 2012), establish a council to identify and develop open education resources (OER) and a digital library to house these resources, respectively. As defined by Judy Baker of Foothill College at <http://cnx.org/content/m14466/latest>

Open Educational Resources (OER) is learning materials freely available in the public domain. A definition of OER from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation is: "OER are teaching, learning and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use or re-purposing by others. Open educational resources include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials or techniques used to support access to knowledge."

The Education Code implementing SB 1052 begins as follows:

66409. (a) The California Open Education Resources Council is hereby established. The council shall be composed of faculty leaders from the three segments of public postsecondary education, and shall be administered by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, or a successor group.

(b) The council shall have nine members: three members shall be faculty of the University of California, selected by the Academic Senate, University of California; three members shall be faculty of the California State University, selected by the Academic Senate of the California State University; and three members shall be community college faculty, selected by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Appointments to the council shall be



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made no later than 90 days after the act that adds this section becomes operative.

(c) The council shall be responsible for accomplishing all of the following:

(1) (A) Development of a list of 50 strategically selected lower division courses in the public postsecondary segments for which high-quality, affordable, digital open source textbooks and related materials shall be developed or acquired pursuant to this section.

The Education Code language regarding implementation goes on to further specify the work of the Council. While funding has yet to be identified to initiate the indicated work, the senates of the three segments are tasked with appointing members to the California Open Education Resources Council as indicated and are taking measures to simplify the work of the Council when it is convened. This survey is intended to gather information as to the level of current use of OER, interest in the use of OER, and interest in serving on the Council and/or as a reviewer of OER materials. **We encourage the distribution of this survey to all teaching faculty. Your assistance is much appreciated. Please distribute and ask for the survey to be completed no later than February 21.**

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Open_Education_Resources_Survey

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Here is the status of TMCs:

1. Communication Studies and Math are approved and offered
2. Music was approved by CCCCO on 2/2/13 – (The following approval still has to occur) For a program to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) must approve the program as a substantive change. Once a program is approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), colleges must follow the steps outlined in the ACCJC Manual (www.accjc.org). Please note: colleges are not eligible to collect state apportionment or federal support for granting this award without first receiving approval from the Chancellor's Office and the ACCJC.
3. Submitted to CCCCO and in secondary review phase are following:
 - a. Administration of Justice
 - B. Art History
 - c. Business Administration
 - d. Kinesiology



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- e. Studio Arts
 - f. Theatre Arts
4. Approved by Curriculum Committee and slated for next Board agenda for approval
- a. Anthropology

TMC workshop on February 27th.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Eva reported that the Faculty Professional Development Coordinating Committee is working on action items currently. The committee is looking into collaboration between the Distance Education, IT and Diversity committee on professional development. The committee is also looking for volunteers or ideas for the next Institute Day. Also, information for FLEX needs to be given to Melissa Beach a month in advance.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Policies and procedures are being discussed at College Council meetings currently. One policy that James mentioned was that of the District's implementation of finger printing for every person working, even volunteers, on campus.

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL

NO REPORT

INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

Debbie Laffranchini gave a report out on the Instruction Council meeting. Debbie said that the Instruction Council has only met once and the first meeting was mostly comprised of the roles/duties of the council.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION COUNCIL

NO REPORT

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NO REPORT



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- V. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
- VI. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.