

College Senate Meeting Minutes
March 31, 201
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Attendees:

Marie Basche, Winchester Brown, John Christie (Chair), Paul Creech (Chair), Stephen Fagbemi, Arthur Hernandez, Art Kureczka, John McNamara, Bruce Miller, Josiah Ricardo, Carmen Yiamouyiannis,

Guests: Sabrina Adams-Roberts, Marsha Bryant, Andre Freeman, Suzanne Rocco-Foertsch, President Nieves, Dean Debbie Thomas, Dean Lester Primus.

Meeting called to order at 2:35pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

M/S/A

2. Approval of Minutes for February 25, 2016 meeting

M/S/A (with several changes)

3. BOR / Budget Report

- Dean Primus outlined the general reductions and issues CCC is expected to encounter in the present academic year and the academic year of 2016-2017.
 - CCC projected deficits: \$160,022 this year with the latest rescission of \$60,000-70,000.
 - CCC projected deficits: \$1,454,653 next academic year (including a 6-7% general fund reduction and a projected FTE of 1675). These figures will be revised after year end retirements etc.

4. BOR 60 Credit “Normalization” Policy

- Dean Thomas introduced a summary of the BOR’s mandate that all community college programs be limited to 60 credits. Both the President and the Dean indicated that exemptions will not be permitted, although it was clear that individual colleges could submit proposals for exceptions to this limit.
- Lengthy discussion on the merits of the BOR requiring this strict criteria especially in the case where 4 credit labs were concerned for the Science course requirements in various programs. Suggestions were made that the catalog include footnotes and qualifying statements to indicate to transferring students necessary deviations should they be interested in applying to four year colleges that require science classes including labs.

5. Community College Day at the Legislative Office Building.

- J. McNamara reported that representatives from CCC attended event, but that legislators evidently had better things to do than be concerned with the needs of faculty and staff and students from community colleges.

6. NEASC Update

- P. Creech reported that the third draft of the self-study had been favorably reviewed by Dr. Carol Anderson, a Vice President for NEASC, that the draft would be edited again and that the Site visit for the reviewing NEASC team is scheduled for Oct 23-26.

7. CAP:

- Social Sciences Dept. Program Changes:
 1. The ECE Program, the Communication Media Program and the Criminal Justice Program all requested a change to eliminate the 4 credit science requirement (lab science) in favor of a 3 credit Science elective with an asterisk noting that “A Science elective with a lab may be required as part of a bachelor’s degree program.” M/S/A (for each)
 2. ECE Program changes
 - Updating of pre-rec Eng 043 to Eng 095 and 097 M/S/A
 - Change of language to Humanities Elective – Motioned tabled
 - ECE 103 or ECE 106 requirement deleted M/S/A
 - Course Description changed M/S/A
 3. Humanities Liberal Arts / General Studies Program Change:
 - Delete one credit IDS 100, 101, 102 options M/S/A

8. Discussion of PLA Policy tabled

9. Academic Review Committee: Discussion

10. Standing Committee Reports

- Capital Technology Committee (CTC) Minutes presented
- College Affairs: Susan Rocco-Foertsch informed the Senate that the committee was preparing for graduation, that 7-8 names of graduation speakers had been submitted for consideration. Speaker was to possibly get a \$200-250 stipend so Hillary Clinton’s name was not included.
- Planning and Review: A. Freeman reported that the committee will report at the April Senate meeting.
- Diversity Committee: Marie Basche reported on:
 - the success of the Women’s Day Conference,
 - the April 18th event on “Homelessness.”
 - The committee will hold a May 19th retreat and faculty and staff are invited. The intention is to focus on making the classroom more inclusive.
 - She also reported on the intensity of nationwide University and College discussions going on now pertaining to political correctness and sometimes violent and abusive behavior on college campuses.

11. Old Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by J. Christie