

CSM ACADEMIC SENATE GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES

April 24, 2012

2:30 p.m.—4:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	James Carranza
Vice President	David Laderman
Treasurer	Rosemary Nurre
Secretary	Lee Miller
Creative Arts/Social Science	Jim Robertson
Language Arts	Tim Maxwell
Math/Science	Darryl Stanford
Physical Education/Athletics	Larry Owens
Student Services	Kevin Sinarle
Library	Teresa Morris

MEMBERS ABSENT

Business/Technology	Darryl Dorsett
Business/Technology	Lilya Vorobey
Language Arts	Teeka James
Math/Science	Tania Beliz

NONVOTING REPRESENTATIVES

David Locke, Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee Chair
Paige Kupperberg, ASCSM President
Jacqueline Gamelin, Student Services alternate

OTHERS ATTENDING

Jamie Marron, Reading
Theresa Martin, Biology
Terry Kistler, Business

Due to a clerical error, ASGC was not in compliance with the requirement in Bylaws that the agenda be posted to all members of the Academic Senate prior to the 4/10/2012 ASGC meeting. Therefore, votes taken at the 4/10/2012 were confirmed by re-vote at the current meeting.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda:

The following items were added to the agenda:

- President's Report: Report of Nominating Committee.
- Action Item: Confirm appointments to Tellers Committee.
- Action Item: Re-vote on endorsement of MESA grant application.

- Discussion Item: scheduling special election to approve Bylaws Amendments recommended by ASGC in spring 2011.
- Table until the next meeting, Discussion Item regarding Program Review.

Agenda approved as amended, without objection.

Minutes:

The following corrections were made to the 4/10/2012 minutes:

- Kathy Diamond was present representing Business/Technology.(Darryl Dorsett was not.)
- Paige Kupperberg was present representing ASCSM. (Regina Ramos was not.)

4/10/2012 Minutes approved as corrected, without objection.

3/27/2012 minutes approved (by re-vote) without objection.

3. Public comment

Jamie Marron & Theresa Martin described a proposal for a Reading Apprentice Program. West Ed, an educational consulting company, would train faculty to help their students improve their reading skills in the subject matter of their courses. Trainers could come to campus or faculty could attend a summer workshop off campus. Jamie and Theresa reported that CCCSN (Success Network) contracted West Ed to organize a seminar in Oakland over the summer, the topics of which will include a reading apprenticeship. The Math/Science Division applied to participate in this workshop. Charlene Frontiera plans to attend.

II. Information Items

1. ASCSM Update: Paige Kupperberg

- Campaigning will begin Friday for the ASCSM election, which is scheduled for 5/8.
- ASCSM will be sending 4 students to Ontario this Friday for the CCC General Assembly.

2. President's Report

(a) Nominating Committee Report

James Carranza indicated that the Nominating Committee had reported to him by email that they received no additional nominations after the nominations they made during the 4/10/2012 ASGC

meeting. Therefore, the four incumbent ASGC officers will run unopposed.

(b) Institutional Planning Committee

James Carranza reported that College Council discussed its mission and its history and the direction they wish to take in the future.

(c) College Council

Jim Robertson suggested that the purview of IPC has been expanding beyond what was intended by faculty, and ASGC might be in danger of losing power to IPC.

James Carranza observed that the IPC membership is composed mostly of deans, rather than being a vehicle for faculty representation. This is at least partly due to faculty on the committees appointing chair positions to deans. College Council is aware of this and will address it in future discussions of Shared Governance.

(d) Budget Planning Committee/Reassigned Time Update

James Carranza presented a spreadsheet he obtained from CSM President Claire detailing reassigned time. Net of advising, there are 5.21 FTEF of reassigned time with internal funding.

David Locke observed that unit banking could vary greatly semester to semester, which could skew results from one semester to next.

Terry Kissler noted that the numbers on the spreadsheet don't add up correctly in the horizontal direction. This sparked a series of comments criticizing the administration for failing to provide accurate data necessary for ASGC to make informed decisions.

James Carranza reported that in fall semester, there will be more units of reassigned time: Honors program will have 6 units, and Puente will have 3.

(e) Update: District Shared Governance Committee

James Carranza requested faculty to email him feedback concerning proposed changes to rules and regulations.

4. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Basic Skills Initiative: James Carranza

At the last meeting, it was suggested that some professional development duties fall under the Vice President for Instruction.

James reported that VPI Susan Estes told him that she is supportive of

faculty activities but that flex coordination and other professional development activities really should be organized by faculty. ASGC is responsible for SOTL Center.

(b) College Assessment: David Locke

The online degree application and student self-assessment of SLOs are being tested this week, and will go live over the summer. The History Department is working on degree SLOs.

Lee Miller commented that the Political Science Department had drafted an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) degree, at the request of CASS Dean Kevin Henson and VPI Susan Estes, but the proposal was derailed by an issue concerning students who have taken political science courses no longer offered at CSM. Dean Henson has substantially pared down the curriculum offered by the political science department, over the objections of faculty. Political science faculty insist that courses no longer offered at CSM must count toward the AA-T degree for students who have already taken them. VPI Estes, Dean Henson, and Dean of Counseling Ramezane responded that they would not establish such a policy. As a result of this impasse, the political science department will withdraw from consideration by COI plans for an AA-T degree in political science. Lee indicated that political science faculty members are concerned that the administration is encroaching on faculty purview concerning curriculum. James Carranza indicated that he would place this issue on the agenda for the next ASGC meeting as a discussion item.

(c) Committee on Instruction: Teresa Morris

CurricUNET is up and running. COI won't be working on curriculum issues over the summer. Final meeting this year will be 5/10.

(d) Library Advisory Committee: Rosemary Nurre

Committee did not meet. "Weeding" (of library collection) meeting postponed. New date to be determined.

III: Action Items

1. BSI & SoTL Professional Development Coordinators: James Carranza

Proposal was for co-coordinators of professional development. BSI would allocate 3 units of reassigned time for one coordinator, and 3 additional units would be allocated from other sources.

Jim Robertson moved to sever the motion. He proposed to vote separately on the BSI position and the SOTL position. Motion failed for lack of second. Jim Robertson indicated that he opposed the motion because he supported only the BSI position for lack of more information about the SoTL position and its relation to current campus Professional Development Committee. Carranza confirmed that he had met with Lyle Gomes, PD Chair, to sharing the proposal and plan.

Lee Miller observed that the Bylaws are unclear as to whether officers can vote. There were no objections to referring this issue to a committee responsible for proposing revisions to the Bylaws. Pending this review, ASGC without objection established a rule that officers can vote on motions.

Lee Miller observed that at a previous meeting, a rule was established that Secretary Pro Tem Lee Miller cannot vote because he was not elected. President James Carranza suggested that ASGC develop a manual of rules and procedures to document such decisions.

The ASGC approved the motion in support of the BSI proposal with 7 votes in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Lee Miller did not participate in the vote.

2. Election Items

Re-voted on the following, which had been approved at the 4/10/2012 ASGC meeting:

- Appointment of Rick Ambrose and Tania Beliz to the Nominating Committee.
- Nomination of James Carranza for President, David Laderman for Vice President, Rosemary Nurre for Treasurer, and Lee Miller for Secretary.
- Electronic balloting for 48 hours, 4/25-4/27.

These items were approved without objection.

3. Tellers Committee Appointments

Approved without objection the nominations of Laura Demsetz, Terry Kissler and Teresa Morris to the Tellers Committee (to supervise the counting of ballots).

4. Endorsement of MESA Grant Application

Re-vote on this item, approved without objection.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) Draft Resolutions: David Locke Further discussed and modified draft resolutions #1 and #2. David Locke requested emailed comments on the additional draft resolutions. Most of the changes proposed by Teeka James were supported.

Teresa Morris said that Cañada College has not been listing SLOs on course outlines, because faculty want flexibility in changing them. But Cañada is considering listing SLOs on course outlines, like at CSM, so that sections taught by different faculty are in alignment with one another.

There was a great deal of disagreement about whether faculty should be required to list SLOs in their course outlines and syllabi.

Dan Kaplan took the position that requiring faculty to list SLOs in course outlines and syllabi violates academic freedom and therefore can't be required by ACCJC, our accrediting agency.

Jim Robertson disagreed, stating that requiring faculty to list SLOs on syllabi does not violate academic freedom, because faculty are free to teach the course however they wish, within the parameters of the SLOs. Jim insisted that this was not a significant enough issue on which to pick a fight with ACCJC.

David Locke agreed, observing that it is the faculty who write the SLOs. To preserve academic freedom, can write SLOs that are general enough to allow faculty to teach their course as they wish.

Rosemary Nurre disagreed with this position, arguing that we may be on a slippery slope. She asked what ACCJC is going to require next from faculty. Are we setting ourselves up to be continually told to do absurd things by our accrediting agency?

Lee Miller suggested that the District consider switching to another accrediting agency, such as WASC. David Locke said that it's not clear whether this would improve the situation.

Dan Kaplan said that (low-paid) adjunct faculty object to being forced to evaluate SLOs without being compensated for the great deal of time that this requires.

2. Special Election to Approve Amendments to the By-Laws: James Carranza

In spring 2011, ASGC voted to recommend a number of amendments to the Bylaws. But ASGC neglected to schedule a vote of the Senate (all faculty) to ratify the amendments.

Discussion at first concerned whether to schedule a special election this semester for the approval of these amendments, or whether the special election should be delayed until fall semester to allow for the consideration of additional amendments.

James Carranza suggested that more substantial changes were warranted. He suggested the creation of a committee charged with shortening the Bylaws to remove rules and procedures. Rules and procedures would appear in a separate document that could be modified by a vote of ASGC, without the need for faculty ratification.

Others suggested that a special election be limited to an amendment to increase from one to two the number of representatives from Student Services on ASGC (to conform with current practice,) and to postpone voting on other amendments until the committee proposed by James Carranza has done a thorough review.

However, the consensus was to hold a special election this semester for faculty to approve all of the amendments recommended by ASGC in spring 2011.

There was some dispute as to what was the final list of amendments that ASGC had voted to recommend in spring 2011. Eventually, a consensus emerged that the combined content of two separate lists of amendments would be sent to the faculty for ratification. Without objection, it was agreed that the list of amendments would be sent to the faculty on 4/30, and that the election would occur on 5/14. It was also agreed that James Carranza would appoint a committee to review the Bylaws, to propose additional changes next year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.