

CSM ACADEMIC SENATE GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES
September 24, 2013
2:35-4:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	David Laderman
Vice President	Theresa Martin
Treasurer	Rosemary Nurre
Secretary	Lee Miller
Immediate Past President	James Carranza
Business/Technology	Steve Gonzales
Creative Arts/Social Science	Michele Titus
Language Arts	Merle Cutler
Language Arts	Amy Sobel
Library	Stephanie Alexander
Math/Science	Santiago Perez
Math/Science	Carlene Tonini-Boutacoff
Student Services	Kathleen Sammut

MEMBERS ABSENT

Business/Technology	Lilya Vorobey
Creative Arts/Social Science	Jim Robertson
Physical Education/Athletics	Joe Mangan
Student Services	Martin Bednarek

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

ASCSM President	Hayley Sharpe
COI Chair	Teresa Morris
SoTL Co-Coordinator	Jeramy Wallace

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

SLO Coordinator	David Locke
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OTHERS ATTENDING

Dan Kaplan, AFT

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda:

Agenda approved without dissent.

Minutes:

Corrections to 9/10/2013 minutes approved without objection:

IPC report. Counselors booked out 2 weeks, not 3.

9/10/2013 minutes approved as corrected without objections.

Public Comment:

David Laderman: 11/22, 8 am -5 pm, 5-354, Best Practices in Campus Threat Assessment Training.

Theresa Martin: 11/22, Reading Apprenticeship workshop, 11-4, College Heights Conference Room, Bldg. 10.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. ASCSM Update: Hayley Sharpe, ASCSM President

Today was ASCSM Leads Day; ASCSM gave away free hotdogs and backpacks. Club Fair tomorrow and Thursday.

10/15, Board of Trustees candidates town hall style forum on campus. To be preceded by a meet and greet.

11/15-11/17 3rd Annual Student Leadership Conference. Applications due 10/24. Open to all students.

2. President's Report: David Laderman

(a) Institutional Planning and Budget (IPBC) update

Student Success Task Force and Working Students Task Force continue their work. IPBC discussed Themes and Trends from Program Review documents submitted in spring semester. This process led to administrators acknowledging the issues that faculty think are important. Discussed hiring more full-time faculty, workload issues and other topics of interest to faculty. Several faculty members expressed the hope that administrators will take action on faculty concerns.

Dan Kaplan mentioned a controversy at Skyline College concerning a proposal to hire additional administrators.

David Laderman indicated that CSM President Mike Claire will be at the next ASGC meeting to answer our questions.

Merle Cutler suggested that our evaluation of proposals to hire more administrators should focus on the ratio of faculty hires to administrator positions.

Lee Miller suggested that we consider the increase in expenditure for personnel costs in each category. For example, if it's proposed that total administrative salary and benefits costs increase by 5%, perhaps expenditure on faculty pay and benefits should increase by 5% as well.

(b) College Council update

How does College Council differ from IPBC? James Carranza indicated that College Council is a place for bringing concerns about whether participatory governance is being carried out properly. IPBC is where decisions concerning planning and budget are made. In other words, IPBC makes decisions about spending money, while College Council makes sure that procedures are being followed properly. College Council has a smaller membership, and fewer administrators.

David Laderman shared with ASGC a document, "Orientation to College Council." He indicated that the term "participatory governance" is now used rather than "shared governance" because this was the term used in the original legislation, AB 1725, that established "participatory governance" and is more accurate than "shared governance" in terms of the actual role of faculty.

(c) District Academic Senate (DAS) update

Discussed concerns that proper procedures are not being followed for hiring part-time faculty. Also, discussed concerns that the Performance Evaluation Task Force may not have its work completed prior to the upcoming Accreditation site visit.

(d) District Participatory Governance Committee (DPGC) update

Seeking feedback on proposed amendments to regulations.

(e) Honors Project news/update

3 students had their papers published. Honors Project will be re-writing foundation courses as interdisciplinary studies courses, rather than as courses associated with particular departments. It is proposed to have two different levels of seminar courses. October 3, 1-2 pm, 18-206, there will be a meeting on this topic. The Project is seeking TAP certification.

Merle Cutler expressed concern that students are receiving 5 units of honors credit for foundation courses without doing any more work than other students who are taking the same course not for honors. The honors student may do a research project, but the course content is not more advanced for the honors than for the non-honors student. Merle said that Mike Claire had suggested that there might be funding creating for separate honors sections of courses.

David Laderman indicated that students enroll in a regular (3-unit) section of a course, but write a research paper related to the course, and receive honors credit for the course. In addition, the honors students receive 2 units of credit for participating in an interdisciplinary research methodology seminar. David said that he will place this topic on the agenda as a Discussion item for a subsequent ASGC meeting.

3. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Basic Skills Initiative: James Carranza, Co-Chair
Entering students participate in Pathway to College and Summer Bridge Programs and then get assigned a mentor for their first regular academic year.

(b) College Assessment: David Locke
No report.

(c) Committee on Instruction: Teresa Morris, Chair
Changes in curriculum to be included in the next catalogue must be approved by the December meeting.

(d) Library Advisory Committee: Stephanie Alexander
No report.

(e) Learning Support Centers Coordination Committee (LSCCC):
Jennifer Mendoza and Kristi Ridgway, Co-Chair.
No report.

III: ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Committee Appointments

Approved without dissent:

Mike Brunicardi's tenure review committee: Lyle Gomes rotating off, Darrel Dorsett replacing him.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CFT resolution

Dan Kaplan indicated that there will be 3 lawsuits pending against ACCJC regarding ACCJC's decision to remove accreditation of City College of San Francisco.

ASGC discussed the draft resolution presented by Dan Kaplan. David Laderman suggested removing the more negative language and delaying action until after the accreditation site visit.

James Carranza suggested that we draft a resolution to be sent to the state Academic Senate to consider for adoption.

James Carranza suggested the addition of a paragraph indicating that the ACCJC criticisms of CCSF were mostly unrelated to teaching.

Merle Cutler suggested that the resolution include references to the lawsuits against ACCJC.

James Carranza suggested that we write our own resolution, rather than trying to modify the one that Dan Kaplan had drafted. David Laderman said he'd form a subcommittee to draft a resolution. David Laderman, Stephanie Alexander, James Carranza and Dan Kaplan agreed to serve on the subcommittee. David Laderman will place the new resolution that the subcommittee drafts on the ASGC agenda as a Discussion Item.

Dan Kaplan said that one of the most shocking aspects of ACCJC's accreditation report on CCSF was that ACCJC (an unelected body, unaccountable to the public) criticized CCSF's Board of Trustees (an elected body, accountable to the public). Dan indicated that ACCJC has initiated the process of separation from Western Associations of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which oversees ACCJC. This will remove oversight over an accreditation agency that Dan believes is already out of control. Dan also indicated that very few faculty members serve on accreditation committees; the membership is mostly administrators.

2. Revisions to Board Policies

David Laderman asked the members to read and email him comments. Political Activity Policy has the support of AFT.

3. Academic Senate Dues & Scholarship Fund

Not discussed.

4. Flex Day Planning

Not discussed.

Faculty Screening Procedures

Not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.