

**Skyline College Council
November 18, 2009**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rakefet Avramovitz, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Denisse Gonzalez, Ray Hernandez, Fermin Irigoyen, Vicki Morrow, Leonela Salazar. Recorder: Linda Bertellotti

Absent: Lori Adrian, Regina Stanback Stroud

Review and approval of Minutes of October 28, 2009

The minutes were approved as written.

District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) update

Ray distributed the proposed board policies. Many are being held because the faculty union, AFT, is reviewing them. The Academic Senate's concerns from last time were reflected in the revisions that AFT is studying. Policies 7.21, 7.22, 7.23, 7.69 and 7.70 are being looked at by the student groups. Denise said Skyline's ASSC has no revisions on those policies. Policy 8.70 (Student Fees) is ready for review by the constituency groups. The next DSGC meeting is December 7. A synopsis showing which are done, which are delayed and which are pending should be written. Jing will send an email about it and Ray will forward it to College Council.

Plus/Minus Grading

The plus/minus grading pilot is underway and Ray will report back on how many faculty will participate. It is a one-year pilot, but has been extended to include spring, summer and fall 2010. It will not affect how the grade is given or reported but is captured behind the scenes. If it is adopted as a policy, the grades would be reported.

Budget update

Scott Lay of the Community College League of California is reporting that the state budget deficit is now at \$21 billion, so it is worse than projected. The five-year fiscal analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office reports the problem will continue through 2014-15.

The College Budget Committee is meeting weekly and is looking at budget reduction strategies to get to Skyline's cut, which is \$1.28 million. Recommendations have been made and the group will be meeting again on November 19.

- Skyline is reducing by two administrative positions effective July 1. It is 18% of the cut the college needs to take. Any other reductions in positions would also be made effective July 1.
- There will be a discussion on the Child Development Center (CDC). Vicki did a detailed analysis which she will share with the CBC. The total cost of running the CDC is just under \$600,000--half of that is the state subsidy grant and the other half is funded by Skyline and the district. Expenses include employee salaries

- and benefits, facilities cost, food and supplies, and the rest are static costs. The alternative is to preserve the state grant and contract with an offsite center, but the students here would not have priority for that service and it would be at a different location and a logistical issue for parents. Also, programs at Skyline that use the CDC as an observation site would not have it. Those include Early Childhood Education, Social Science, Psychology, Sociology and the Basketball Team. The third alternative is to eliminate the CDC completely. Vicki has found it difficult to decide and would at this moment leave it status quo and not make a change, although she does not want to impede the CBC discussion. She thinks it would make sense for them to know her position. Rakefet said a CDC staff member raised the idea of having a site supervisor and Vicki said it is required that the site have a director. Denisse said ASSC members are concerned and they have discussed the 42 students affected by a potential closure. They are also concerned that the cost of keeping the center open would have an impact on the rest of the student body. Vicki said the college is not only working with a budget cap but is working against the state funded enrollment cap. If a decision is made to preserve the CDC then there would be a trade-off elsewhere. Classes are going to have to be cut regardless and it could be 160 sections in fall/spring. Ray asked how the CDC would equate to a class and Vicki said she will equate it.
- Sections will be cut in summer because research showed that 40% of Skyline's summer students do not attend either in the fall or in the spring; thus they are likely not pursuing Skyline programs or transfer. The divisions are trying not to cut classes that affect transfer. Leonela said students are not getting a lot of information, only rumors. Vicki offered to do an email to students and suggested there be student newspaper coverage. The college needs to make sure that our students register their priority and realize the importance of the priority registration date. Ray suggested creating a one-page flyer to give to students in the class. Denisse said the ASSC is setting up a Facebook site. Vicki said any message that addresses concerns right now in the current semester would not be timely at this point because classes are well under way, but something before the summer/fall registration starts would be. It would also be possible to publish a general informational message.

Ray and Eloisa talked about the November 19 CBC meeting and may move the location because they expect more people. If it is moved, the CBC may not make a decision with all those people there.

Program Improvement Viability Committee update

Fermin reported that the PIV Committee met on November 16. Regina Stanback Stroud has submitted two programs for consideration, Health Sciences and Family Consumer Sciences. The PIV received information on both programs. Approximate savings to the college would be \$122,000 for Health Sciences and \$66,000 for Family Consumer Sciences. On November 23, the PIV will meet with the programs to discuss recommendations. On November 30, they will resume deliberations and will make a final recommendation to the Curriculum Committee on December 2.

Proposed Naming Project for Pathways and Quads

Skyline has an opportunity if it wants to develop names for main quads and pathways. Vicki distributed a map showing the locations. The area between Buildings 6 and 7 can be construed as a quad, so that will be added to the map. Names of the pathways and quads would be posted on metal banners. She described the possible approaches for the naming: descriptive based on the geographical location; thematic or symbolic, out of the college's vision and mission statement; environmentally-focused; or focused on the adjacent buildings. Vicki presented a proposed timeline for the project. If the council decides to take it on, she said she would publish a college-wide request for proposals. Cabinet would look over the suggestions and send them to College Council for consideration at the January meeting. The Council would cull down the list and either decide itself or present them for a college-wide vote. The project needs to be synchronized with the installation of the banners in April. The Council acted to approve taking on the project. Fermin suggested naming a pathway after Skyline's first president, Philip Garlington.

Vicki will draft the proposal request and the Council will email their suggestions so that she can include information about the project in the November 20th *Skyline Shines*.

Free for all

The ASSC held their food drive. The fundraising goal was \$500 and Denisse said they exceeded that amount. She will email information to Vicki for *Skyline Shines*.

Next meeting: December 16, 2009