

College Council
February 23, 2011
Minutes

Present: Kathy Fitzpatrick, Sandra Hatzistratis, Fermin Irigoyen, Joe Madrigal, Ray Parenti-Kurttila, Amanda Parker, Leigh Anne Sippel, Regina Stanback Stroud, Mike Williamson. Recorder: Linda Bertellotti

Adoption of January 26, 2011 minutes

The minutes of January 26 were approved with corrections.

Educational and Facilities Master Planning Task Force Meeting

The Educational and Facilities Master Planning (EFMP) Task Force last met in 2008. The committee was formed in 2006-07 to talk about building plans while the college was in the midst of construction, bond work and modernization. Now, a third bond is under consideration and while construction and bond work has been completed, Jose Nuñez told the board that there are still needs that should be put forth at the colleges. At Skyline, those projects include the Building 1 art center and theater renovation, Wellness Center, Workforce and Economic Development Center and other unmet needs. In updating the plan, Jose wants to make sure there is a way in which people could provide input. It will not be an extensive process, but more of an update to the plan. The process may take three months. Rob Johnstone has notified the Institutional Planning Committee and they will discuss it, along with the College Budget Committee. College Council will need to be prepared to respond and provide feedback from their constituencies.

Regina is reviewing Jose's timeline and will target dates for College Council to make a recommendation in time to meet Jose's deadline. Mike said it will tie in closely with the Educational Master Plan, which is good through 2013 and will help drive the facilities plan. Fermin asked about Skyline College's environmental plan back in 2006-07 and Regina said at the time there was discussion around Butte College's solar plan. At the time, we were advised that Skyline's microclimate would not generate enough solar energy savings as it might in other locales. Mike suggested setting up sustainability in the new plan. Fermin would like to see a connection between Skyline's programs and clean energy in the plan. Regina said the board's preference is that the colleges' buildings meet the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard and points are awarded for renewable energy efficiency. Some of Skyline's modernized buildings have earned LEED points and Building 4 and the Facilities building are LEED buildings.

R&R 8.7 Student Fee Policy

The R&R 8.7 Student Fee Policy is being reviewed by the District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) and is having a second reading coming up. Regina explained that the current policy is that if a student owes more than \$200, they cannot register for classes in the current semester, nor can they get their transcript and move on. The new policy would drop a student before the first day of instruction if they don't pay their fees or enroll in a third party payment plan. The Enrollment Services Council has been discussing the policy and is concerned

about the colleges' bad debt and is trying to determine ways to decrease the debt. They have devised a suggested policy: not only can you not register, but now the policy says if you cannot pay the fees this semester, you would be withdrawn from your classes before the semester starts. Regina raised a concern about it because it would directly impact access for students who live in poverty but do not qualify for BOG's. She talked about the board's desire to serve students, the deconstruction of categorical programs, the BOG fee waiver and third party collection options. Fermin and Leigh Anne said it is being discussed in Academic Senate. Regina is concerned that it is pushing out the out the students that the colleges are designed to serve. Regina suggested the College Council ask questions in future DSGC meetings and ask Kathy Blackwood to explain it thoroughly and get all the information they can so they may discuss it with constituencies. The DSGC next meets on Monday, March 7.

Karl Pister Nominees

Skyline College has nominated two students: Raydan Alhubaishi and Bassam Esmail. Both were in student leadership positions at Skyline and co-formed the MECCA Middle Eastern club. Both are from Yemen. The Karl Pister Award winner receives a \$20,000 scholarship to UC Santa Cruz. Each college can nominate up to three students and one is selected. Raydan and Bassam are two promising candidates and really represent Skyline College. Regina will introduce them in *Skyline Shines*.

Prayer/Devotional Room

Mike said some people are requesting a prayer room or devotional room on campus and would like the topic discussed at a future meeting. The Multicultural Center may not be very accessible and Regina said it might be a good thing to consider for Building 6 because it is a center for student activities. Joe will talk to Amory about it. It can be a larger room or even an unused faculty office. The CIP group can be involved.

Evaluation of Committee Structure

Regina said a there is a recommendation to evaluate the college's governance committee structure. In the past, this discussion was held as a forum in Building 6. The discussion led to some consolidation of committees as well as creation of a master committee meeting schedule. Regina would like Skyline College to consider starting to look at in the fall as the college starts to approach the accreditation cycle. She asked the senate leaders to talk to their constituents and the details will be discussed at a future meeting.

SharePoint Agenda Building

Regina has created a SharePoint site for posting the College Council agenda and minutes, along with other meeting handouts. The site would allow the council to add their items that they want to discuss. She gave a demonstration of the council and shared governance site. It offers a place for announcements, along with a discussion board and a place to add important links to whatever the council would like to have access to. There is also a listing of meetings and an option to assign tasks. Some of the council members expressed an interest in trying it out. Fermin still likes getting the agenda and minutes sent by email. Regina will send the council the link to SharePoint. She wants to make sure it would not decrease the group's engagement. For the next meeting, it will be sent out both ways.

Reports from constituent groups

Classified Council

- Kathy reported that the Classified Council received \$5,000 from BSI funds which can be used for retreats or things that the council would like to do. Of the \$5,000, \$3200 of it needs to be for BSI activities and the remaining \$1,600 may be used for activities of the council's choice. Regina said the council will need to submit a report on what the BSI funds were used for, so the activities and topics have to be framed to show how they support student success. At its spring retreat, the council will hold a team-building exercise at Filoli, have lunch at Cañada Vista and then go to the Canada library where they will learn how to help students with research. In the summer, the council will hold a one-day workshop.
- At its next meeting, the council will tour the SparkPoint Center.
- A See's Candy fundraiser will be held in the spring.

Academic Senate:

- Fermin reported that the Academic Senate is meeting on February 25 and since March 11 is a flex day, the senate will not be meeting again until March 25. Leigh Anne said they are able to have some approvals done by email since they will not be meeting.
- At the February 25 meeting, there will be a SparkPoint presentation. The senate will also review board policies and have some hiring committee updates.

ASSC

- Ray reported that the ASSC moved the election date to March 28-30.
- Amanda said Skyline students will participate in an event to protest the budget cuts. Students will join hands across California, beginning in San Diego and coming northward on a Sunday in April. Amanda will confirm the date. Event organizers are hoping to get 1.5 million students involved. It is being sponsored by the state chancellor's office. The ASSC's concern is that the event is being held on a Sunday and it will be difficult to get substantial student turnout. Cañada College is participating and Skyline College will be organizing efforts.
- Ray would like to have a new discussion on College Hour. He said there was a Veteran's event on February 23 and Jarom was having difficulty getting people to attend and participate. Regina said there was a discussion around this and Rob identified times where could and could not be scheduled. With the added schedule and Measure G, it may be a different pattern now and should be discussed. Regina suggested that Mike discuss it in an Instructional Leadership Team meeting.

Next meeting: March 23