

Skyline College Council
March 24, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lori Adrian, Raydan Al-hubaishi, Rakefet Avramovitz, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Denise Gonzalez, Fermin Irigoyen, Ray Hernandez, Vicki Morrow, Recorder: Linda Bertellotti

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The minutes were approved as written.

District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) update

Both Raydan and Denisse were at the emergency ASSC meeting and did not attend the DSGC meeting. Ray Hernandez said there was nothing to vote on. There was a district budget update, strategic planning update and there was a presentation by Stephani Scott, Executive Director of the SMCCC Foundation. Jing Luan sent out updated rules and regulations: 3.10 was revised to keep up with new rules and regulations and 7.26 is new and deals with identity theft. They were brought to the constituents for review and approval at the April 19 meeting. There was also a discussion on the parcel tax.

Budget update

Vicki said the colleges are waiting for the Governor's May revised budget. The district planned for cuts for next year and has a reserve set aside from years when there was growth and when there was shifting. Skyline received extra money for that so the college is set for next year. The district will cover any additional cuts for 2010-11. It is not known if the parcel tax, which is on the June ballot, will pass. It is a \$34 per household parcel tax with a four-year duration and an exemption for seniors. The campaign committee will talk about it when it meets with ASSC students on April 12. Vicki thinks there will be students who may want to help with the parcel tax measure. There are other K-12 districts that have parcel tax measures on the ballot. Ray said community colleges have tried parcel taxes before but have failed. There was a question about bond proposals. Vicki said the district applied to the state for several buildings, one of which was Skyline's Building 1, but it was rejected, however they approved the next step in renovation of Building 2. The state as a whole puts the bond measure on the ballot and there are no plans for that until November 2011.

March on Sacramento

On February 22, Skyline students and staff participated in a March on Sacramento. Vicki said it was an exciting and interesting event. The audience was enthusiastic and mature and pointed advice to the legislature was given. The crowd was estimated at 5,000 people. Lori thanked the ASSC for arranging the busses and lunch.

President's Breakfast

Skyline's President's Breakfast was held on March 18. The net income was higher than last year.

Skyline Shines Awards

Skyline Shines Awards are presented in the fall at Opening Day. There are two awards: one is for an employee or campus group that helps Skyline shine and the other is for a person or group in the community. The criteria are based on college values. College Council considers the award for the employee group ahead of the scheduled May meeting. The nominations are sent out ahead of time. The community award is made in collaboration with Vicki and the President's Council Executive Committee. Vicki encouraged the College Council members to make a nomination and Skyline students can also make nominations. The deadline is April 30 and is posted on the website and announced in *Skyline Shines*.

Free for All

- Student participation at March on Sacramento: Denisse thanked the Council for its ongoing support and the Academic Senate for allowing students to go to the March on Sacramento. There were about 120 students who participated. There is still work to do and they hope to keep the momentum going to help with lobbying on a local level. Vicki felt the rally that the ASSC held at Skyline helped with student recruitment. Lori said there was a huge Skyline banner, created by students, and it was helpful for locating the group at the rally. Raydan said the sign and posters got a lot of attention at the rally.
- General Assembly for student senates: On April 30, there will be a general assembly for student senates and some of the ASSC are attending.
- ASSC elections: Raydan said Skyline is trying to coordinate the associated student elections with Cañada and CSM so they can be done at the same time. They are trying to hold the elections as soon as possible to have the new students transition before finals. Lori suggested that those people who are involved with students, such as faculty and staff, can help encourage them to run for election. Denisse said professors can have a great impact on students and play a strong role in encouraging them. Ray will email faculty about that and will include the timeline.
- Faculty retirements: Ray announced that there are three full-time faculty retirees this year: Linda Van Sciver, Ann Burns and Linda Vogel. The Academic Senate will decide on which retiree will serve as grand marshal at commencement at its March 26 meeting.
- Haiti Relief effort: Rakefet and Ray said the Haiti Relief event went well and faculty and the bookstore are putting together a used bookstore to come up with more money for the cause. Ray said he will send out the official faculty announcement it could go out in the next *Skyline Shines*. The bookstore will put boxes in the division offices as well as in the bookstore. The book buyer will buy what they can buy and put to good use those they cannot sell. The bookstore will come up with a gift card in the name of the division that gives the most that will be distributed along with the Academic Senate scholarship that is given every year.

Next meeting: April 28, 2010