Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting, Harbor College Academic Senate, 1:30 PM, Thursday, October 16, 2014

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**Officers present:** Susan McMurray [presiding], William Hernandez, Jim Stanbery [recording]

**Senators present:** Hale Savard [Communications]; Jenny Arzaga, Doris Webster [for Saxton; Health Sciences]; Kate Campbell, Juan Baez [Humanities/Fine Arts]; Tigran Alikhayan, Jon Secora [for Saddigh; Math/Technology]; Joaquin Arias [Science/FCS]; Nabeel Barakat [Physical Education]; Brad Young, Lorrie Kato [for Joiner; Social and Behavioral Sciences]; Daniel Ruiz [Counseling]

**Members excused:** Delia Renteria [Communications]; Joyce Saxton [Health Sciences]; Farah Saddigh [Math/Technology]; Ellen Joiner [Social and Behavioral Sciences]

**Members absent:** Kent Stoddart [officer]; Tissa Munasinghe [Science/FCS]; Elizabeth Colocho [Counseling]; Jonathan Lee [Library]

**Guests:** Paul Grady (AFT), Daniel Keller, Otto Lee, Luis Rosas, Mercy Yanez

**Call to order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:39 by Ms. McMurray, and the agenda was adopted with the adjustments shown below.*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Ms. McMurray reported that the Faculty Association balance will be $2700 after deducting the subvention due the District in order to activate its yearly $2000 subvention to our Senate.

*Unanimous consent to designate Ms. McMurray, Mr. Hernandez, and Kym Valvieja as signers on the Faculty Association account.*

**Adoption of Minutes**

*Unanimous consent to adopt the minutes of the October 2 meeting as previously e-mailed, with one correction: that it was Mr. Ruiz who joined in reminding senators of the memorial for Steve Hirsch.*

**Administration Report**

Dr. Lee invited senators who can do so to join in the forum with the Chancellor to be held this coming Tuesday at 10:00 in the Tech 100.

He then updated the Senate on the new state authorization for community college districts to offer bachelors’ degrees: initially fifteen degree programs for the 2017-’18 academic year, one program in each of the largest of the community
college districts in the state, no program duplicating one offered by a UC or CSU campus in that vicinity. He then elaborated on prospective aspects of the program. Mr. Rosas volunteered to ask division chairs to be thinking of potential upper division offerings.

**ASO Report**
Ms. McMurray commended the ASO on today’s observances for the 65th anniversary of the founding of the college.

**SLO Report**
Mr. Arias clarified the process for posting assessment results on the college website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
Ms. Campbell drew the Senate’s attention to the feature article in the fall issue of the contemporary art quarterly ‘Extra’ on Jay McCafferty’s art exhibit here. She also again praised Mr. Baez’ shows for four local elementary schools that will also be performed here.
Mr. Ruiz announced the initiation of ‘Walk-In Wednesdays’, during which all general counselors will be available for comprehensive services (e.g., ed plans, transfer assistance, career analysis) to all students from 8 am to 7 pm every Wednesday through the end of the semester.

**CONSENT ITEMS**
Senate representatives on probationary faculty evaluation committees

*Mr. Hernandez will serve as the Senate representative on the evaluation committee for Karen Amano Tompins.*

**COMMENTS ON DISTRIBUTED REPORTS/NOTICES/COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Curriculum**
Dr. Keller reported that a list of proposed courses and updates in certificate requirements were approved, for which he will be asking Senate consent at the next meeting. *It was the sense of the Senate that, if the catalogue must go to press before then, appropriate codicils be added for the programs concerned.*

**APPC**
Mr. Hernandez reported that the committee has acted on all remaining academic rank petitions, which it is anticipated will be approved at the next Senate meeting.

**District Equivalency Committee**
Mr. Hernandez reported that the committee has processed approximately one-third of the actions pending. Implications for adult education credentials were also discussed.

**President’s Report**
Ms. McMurray drew the Senate’s attention to two items distributed to all present: one, a hand-out that she’d received at the College President’s Cabinet meeting, listing the District’s 2015 priorities; the other, a listing of the powers and responsibilities of academic senates for academic and professional matters.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2:51.
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