Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting,  
Harbor College Academic Senate,  
1:30 PM, Thursday, November 20, 2014  

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

Senators present: Dale Savard, Karen Amano Tompkins [for Rentaria; Communications]; Jenny Arzaga, Doris Webster [for Saxton; Health Sciences]; Kate Campbell, Juan Baez [Humanities/Fine Arts]; Tigran Alikhayan, Jon Secora [for Saddigh; Math/Technology]; NONabeel Barakat [Physical Education]; Tissa Munasinghe, Jaoquin Arias [Science/FCS]; Brad Young, Ellen Joiner [Social and Behavioral Sciences]; Elizabeth Colocho [Counseling]

Members excused: Delia Renteria [Communications]; Joyce Saxton [Health Sciences]; Farah Saddigh [Math/Technology]

Members absent: Kent Stoddart [officer]; Daniel Ruiz [Counseling]; Jonathan Lee [Library]

Guests: Bobbie Gibbs, Lorrie Kato, Daniel Keller, Yesenia King, Luis Rosas, Sandra Sanchez, Joan Thomas-Spiegel, 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 there has been no change in the accounts since the last report.

Adoption of Minutes

Unanimous consent to adopt the minutes of the November 6 meeting as previously e-mailed, with the removal of the reference to UCLA in the commendation of our Nursing Division.

Administration Report

In the absence of Dr. Lee, Ms. McMurray drew the Senate’s attention to his response to the FHPC recommendations forwarded by the Senate to him “without comment” at our last meeting. Ms. McMurray suggested that FHPC be reconvened to clarify the list as previously submitted along the lines suggested in the President’s response for action by the Senate at its December 4 meeting. After discussion, there was Unanimous consent to proceed accordingly, removing the two student services positions from the list.
Mr. Rosas confirmed that he has been instructed to fill all nine positions stipulated by the District as our FON number, and due to our budget position this must be done in a way that is financially neutral with respect to the displacement of adjunct instructors. Mr. Rosas also relayed a strong commendation from the vice chancellor on the presentation of our student equity report to the District Institutional Effectiveness Committee.

ASO Report
Ms. Gibbs updated the Senate on current ASO activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT
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Updating of Academic Rank Provisions on the College Website
After Dr. Thomas-Spiegel had motivated the motion, there was Unanimous consent to remove the 2010 policy on academic rank from the Academic Senate page of the College Website, adding sections ‘A’ and ‘B’ from that statement to the current policy statement on the ‘Academic Rank’ page of the website.
Mr. Hernandez informed the Senate that the new recipients of rank will have their certificates formally presented at the next Senate meeting.

COMMENTS ON DISTRIBUTED REPORTS/NOTICES/COMMITTEE MINUTES
Budget Committee
Mr. Barakat summarized the minutes of the latest Budget Committee meeting distributed at the meeting, cautioning all parties to keep in mind that the integrity of the projections involved depends on rigid commitment to them.
Accreditation
In the absence of Dr. Joiner, Ms. King drew the Senate’s attention to p. 6 of the meeting packet giving the ‘actionable improvement items’ in our 2012 self-evaluation report and our progress in addressing them since then, emphasizing the particular importance of the evaluation process for all college bodies and distributing the form approved last year by CPC for use accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2:36.
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