

SENATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

February 3, 2009

Smith, J; Rosas; Humphreys; McMurray; Watkins; Stanbery; Glover; Guertin; Joiner; Mckenzie

The College President notified the Senate that she intended to fill two faculty positions: Developmental Communications (held over from last year) and Architecture (first position on the 2009 FHPC list). The President also announced that she wouldn't fill the two approved nursing positions as full time but would grant full time limited to them. The Mathematics Department has been asked to confirm that it will not hire the Math position granted to it last year.

The Committee discussed getting an Elections Committee together so that we could move forward with that process at the Feb. 19 Senate meeting.

The Committee passed a motion that extends the .4 for two people to continue the accreditation report process. It also asked Dr. Spink to designate SS/A 237 as the Accreditation Office, and she has subsequently agreed.

Dr. Humphreys reported on the progress for the Title V grant proposals: there were two offices working on this separately, but now they have combined forces and are crafting a proposal that will ask for \$575,000 for five years for: CTE; Articulation between CSUDH and HC; and Basic Skills that will put first time full time students into an academy setting.

The Committee also commented on the draft accreditation report due March 15th and called a special Senate Executive meeting for February 17 to deal with any substantive changes it might note before the report was presented to the full Senate on February 19 for approval.

February 17, 2009

Smith, J; McMurray; Stanbery; Joiner; McKenzie; Rosas

The Committee met and asked that one substantive change be made: add to the budget section to bring the report up to 2009 and not just to 2007.

ACCREDITATION

The College received the attached letter from the Accrediting Commission. The College needs to complete its mid-term report and submit it on March 15th, and the draft of that report is on today's Senate agenda. That report is "to provide narrative information and analysis regarding:

- a. Each of the recommendations of the evaluation team
- b. The areas identified in the planning agenda of its self study
- c. Updates on substantive change approvals or pending proposals."

CORE

1-20-'09

The new physical and life sciences building(s) configuration was discussed. Will it be one three story building, or two architecturally linked. Currently, the building process is design/build which is both cheaper and faster. Details with the user groups are being worked out.

Problems with the new buildings (NEA and SSA) were brought up. There was a lot of furniture switching, problems with keys and elevators and concern about placement of podiums in the classrooms. The College has not yet signed off on the buildings, so it is important to identify all the corrections that need to be made before that final step.

Measure J

An issue has surfaced about buying the two lots for sale on Pacific Coast Highway and doing a land swap with the City of Los Angeles via Recreation and Parks to reconfigure the college northward. The idea was the subject of the CPC meeting on January 26.

Other items:

- The old General Classroom Building should be renamed to be Extended Education
- Fine Arts/Theater description should be altered to more accurately reflect the project contemplated
- The TV Studio is a priority project
- The GC building and old Administration building need to be repainted, re-carpeted and cleaned up.

2-17-'09

Exterior colors for the child development center were discussed. The Committee voted for a two toned exterior. Color samples for the Wellness Center were shown, and questions were raised about having a grey carpet. The Committee was told there are very few choices (five) and that this was “the best one.” However, Nabeel Barakat was asked to check with his user group to see if blue carpeting couldn’t be used instead.

Rick Darling said he had an extensive punchlist from the new buildings and that he would be finalizing that list before sitting down with the contractors about remedies. The central question seems to be whether or not to simply deduct the cost of the repairs needed and have the College do them, or try to make the contractors do them before the buildings are signed off. Rich advises us to deduct the money from the payment and do it ourselves; he said that is the only way to guarantee that the work will get done.

Dr. Spink showed the Committee a schematic drawing for improvements to L and Figueroa Place. She said she is working with Congressmen (women) to get an earmark inserted in legislation to get this done. She seemed very optimistic that we will be successful in doing this.

College Planning Council

At the January 26 meeting, the CPC listened to a presentation by the District about acquiring the two lots of Pacific Coast Highway and the District’s scheme to do a land swap with the City of Los Angeles. After a lengthy discussion, CPC said it agreed that the District could “continue to investigate the possibilities” for these proposals. The District suggested that we not build the parking structures now scheduled under Measure J and that that \$47 million dollars (one fifth of the Measure J \$250 million) be devoted to this land purchase and land swap development.

District Academic Senate (DAS) Executive Meeting January 22, 2009

Curriculum

The Executive Committee went over the Curriculum Committee motions that would be on the DAS agenda for Feb. 12: Informational Competency Requirement for the AA; Independent Study; Unit/Hour Alignment; Essential Academic Skills; Title V changes for General Education; and Community Services. The External Transcribing Policy draft and Nursing standards discussions were informational.

Basic Skills/Student Success

The Faculty Teaching/Learning Academy had started. Harbor College had two representatives: Susan McMurray and Angie Crum.

There is an ad hoc group designing a District model for a first year student success course; Susan McMurray sits on this committee.

LACCD has been chosen to implement a statewide pilot for student success and learning academies.

District Budget Committee (DBC)

The question of how the DBC is structured and to whom it reports is being discussed. The current idea is that it should be structured as a shared governance committee.

Distance Education

The District is working with the Distance Education Committee to create platforms and common structures that will be productive in recruiting students from all over the world.

Adjunct Hiring Proposal

David Beaulieu reported that the idea of only hiring from adjunct faculty has surfaced in Union talks.

DAS Meeting on February 12, 2009

The DAS passed the motions noticed in the Executive Meeting reports and heard further updates on the District efforts on Student Success and the Basic Skills Initiative. It also had a report on the District led effort to increase student financial aid. DAS elections will be held this coming May, so anyone who is interested in running for an office should contact Don Gauthier from Valley College. At this time, there was no further news on the budget stalemate except that community colleges wouldn't be hurt as much as K-12 and higher education.

OTHER

The Senate President also participated in the Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy recruitment Saturday on January 24 and in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the NEA/SSA buildings on January 21.

