Faculty Senate Minutes  
January 12, 2011  
Amethyst Room, Downtown Campus  
2:20pm – 3:30pm

Present: Joe Labuda (At-Large); Matej Boguszak (CC); Rick Manganiello (CC); Tommy Salazar (DC); Steven Croft (DC); Dolores Duran-Cerda (DC); Earl Garrick (DC); Ron Hale (DC); Linda Marks (DC); Josie Milliken (DC); Diann Porter (DC); Sterling Vinson (DC); Pandey Kaushal (DC); Susan Prichett (DC); Jeannie Arbogast (DV); Andrea Henderson (DV); Susan San Jule (DV); Pollyanna Wikrent (DV); Terri Hamstra (DV); Olga Carranza (DV); Patricia Townsend (DV); Patricia Figueroa (EC); Rita Flattley (EC); Doug Holland (EC); Jan-Ruth Mills (EC); Rob Modica (EC); Barbara Armenta (EC); Kathy Feuling (EC); Cheryl Blake (NW); Donald Bock (NW); Greta Buck-Rodriguez (NW); Erin Eichelberger (NW); Randy Munsen (NW); Shelby Goldberg (NW); Ellen Caldwell (WC); CeAnne Alvine (WC); Rebeca Bennett (WC); Carol Christoffersen (WC); John Kordich (WC); Debra Kaye (WC); Steve Mackie (WC) and proxy for David Katz (WC); Sarah Marcus (WC); MaryKris Mcilwaine (WC); Karie Meyers (WC); Rosa Morales (WC); Catherine O'Brien (WC); Erich Saphir (WC); Mic Denfeld (WC); Melinda Franz (Counselor at Large); Thomas Lynta (CC); Kimlisa Duchicela (DC); Linda Marks (DC); Eugene Gotwallt (DC);

Absent: Mike Schuetze (CC); Nadia Villalobos (DC); Randolph Wright (EC); Donald Roberts (EC); Sandy Niederriter (NW); Joseph Dal Pra (WC); Jake Elkins (WC); Lazaro Hong (WC); David Katz (WC); Jack Mertes (WC)

Guests: Cynthia Lancaster (WC); Ana Jimenez (PCCEA); Deborah Yoklic (DO); Chancellor Roy Flores (DO); Jose Leyba (DO); Mark Backus (DC)

1.0 Introductions
Diann Porter confirmed that there was a quorum of senators with the secretary. She stated that the senate desired a shortened meeting, so that members may be present at the Arizona Stadium event.

2.0 Approval of Minutes
December minutes approval has been postponed until the February meeting.

3.0 Announcements
During the December meeting, it was requested that someone come and address the senate regarding the Grand Canyon Diploma Bill, formally called the “Move On When Ready” initiative. Debbie Yoklic has arranged for Amanda Burke (director at the Center for the Future of Arizona, ASU) to come speak on Friday February 18th from 10am–12pm at Community Campus in room A109. This is an open discussion, and a reminder e-mail will be sent. Diann Porter requested a good representation of faculty at the meeting, and then hand polled the senate. About 20 senators raised their hands denoting planned attendance.

4.0 Agenda Modifications and Open Forum Items
There will be no Faculty Senate President’s Report nor a formal board report, though Kimlisa Duchicela will speak to one thing from yesterday’s board meeting. There will be no PCCEA report; Ana Jimenez is present and available to answer questions.
Rita Flattley spoke up regarding recent events in the larger community. Various faculty members have expressed serious concerns involving disruptive students and staff responsibilities of documentation of incidents. A larger question being; How does the college look out for the physical safety of faculty members? This conversation topic is intended for future faculty senate meetings this semester.

5.0 Business

5.1 Election of Senate Officers

Kimlisa Duchicela addresses the Senate. Nominations of Senate Officers are as follows: Pollyanna Wikrent for Secretary. The Nomination was seconded by Olga Carranza, no other nominations were raised, there was no discussion and the nomination was approved. Patricia Figueroa for the Board of Governor's Representative. No other nominations were raised, the nomination was seconded and approved. Lynta Thomas for Faculty Senate Vice President. Rita Flattley seconded, there were no other nominations or discussion, and the nomination was approved. Dolores Duran-Cerda for President-Elect Faculty Senate. Randy Munsen seconded, no other nominations came forward nor any discussion and the nomination was approved. The new slate of officers for the 2011 year was welcomed by Diann Porter. The new Vice President and President Elect were invited to the podium.

5.2 Transcript Evaluation Standards

Debbie Yoklic addresses the senate. SPG 3111AA is about evaluation of transcripts. Item number 1.0 essentially states that PCC is now only going to evaluate undergraduate courses through 299, that is to say, 100 and 200 level courses, as opposed to the previous standards of evaluating all transfer courses. This is a matter of practicality as PCC does not offer Junior and Senior level courses with no equivalent. However, at the request of the student, Pima will evaluate those courses.

The second change, item number 4.0, involves course numbers and content. Currently, PCC articulates courses to the catalog that was in effect at the time the student took the course. The difficulty with that standard is that the course may no longer exist. The student may run into problems later while attempting to fulfill graduation requirements. Under item 4.0, the college will now articulate transfer courses to the catalog that is in effect during the evaluation time. This is the common practice nationally.

The third change regards item number 7.0 Currently a student gets 42 elective credits, therefore Pima will evaluate a maximum of 42 credits.

During questions, Susan San Jule asked what the consequences of item 4.0 were. Yoklic replied that it will actually be easier on students because the student may have taken classes that are no longer listed in the course catalog and therefore may not receive credit when attempting to fulfill degree requirements. Carol Christofferson asked Debbie Yoklic what would happen when a course number remains the same, but the content of the course has changed in order to better facilitate articulation to other AZ schools. Yoklic replied that the course would have to be evaluated on its content and that the evaluators would have to determine whether the course content at the time the student took the class would transfer to current transfer standards. If the content was found to not match, it could still transfer as an elective course.

Yoklic then stated that students could always appeal. Erich Saphir inquired to the change within item number 1.0. He wanted to be certain that students were pro actively and fully informed on their right to appeal, and that there may well be courses in their transcript that they could be getting credit for and
are unaware of. Yoklic replied that she would carry that notion forward. The proposed changes will be posted on the PCC website for comment.

Yoklic added that the senate members should e-mail concerns regarding the Grand Canyon Diploma Bill to her. She will pass them along Amanda Burke during their conversation on Friday to ensure preparedness for the discussion.

6.0 Reports

6.1 PCCEA Report
Ana Jimenez did not give formal report and no questions were asked of her.

6.2 Board of Governors Report
Kimlisa Duchicela did not give a formal report, but read a statement from the Board of Governors meeting. The following was first read at that meeting by the new chairperson, Marty Cortes.

“Words are inadequate in expressing the sadness we all feel following the horrible events of last Saturday. The tragedy took a member of the college’s family. Gabriel Zimmerman, an aide to Representative Gabrielle Giffords, was the son of a PCC employee, Ross Zimmerman. Our deepest condolences go to Ross and his family. Representative Giffords, a great friend of the college, is among those who were wounded. We ask that you keep Gabby and her family in your thoughts, as well as those who perished, their loved ones and the other survivors. We pray that they all can with time, heal quickly and fully.”

6.3 Provost’s report
The new Provost, Jose Leyba, addresses the senate. Provost Leyba's most recent role at the college was serving as the Vice President of Instruction for West Campus. He began his career as a junior high school teacher in South Phoenix. He recounted an incident involving a former student mistaking Robert Frost’s name; and quoted the poet, saying, “Education is the ability to discuss and to dialogue about almost anything without getting angry.” Provost Leyba also spoke about the huge diversity of the student body, all existing with different academic and emotional needs. His current plans include work on the accreditation report and to continue the goal of completing the SLO's by 2013.

6.4 Chancellor's Report
Chancellor Roy Flores addresses the senate. Regarding the recent shooting, Chancellor Flores stated that he believes that what PCC does is important to society as a whole. The college and each individual within it help people to become better. Every encounter that an individual has at Pima could be received as a beneficial one. This should be kept in mind as the college and its staff reach out to each other, students and the broader community.

PCC has been selected to receive a number “Chrome” laptop computers. Chrome refers to the browser that Google maintains. The machines have an estimated cost of 500 dollars, and PCC is going to pilot them. Kimlisa Duchicela further explained the laptops. Basically, they have no storage component, and function through Google Docs. When you have a Google account, as PCC students do, and you log into Google, the computer automatically brings up all personal data. The laptops require almost no IT, and they don't get viruses because the user doesn't store data on the computers themselves. PCC
was one of only five schools in the nation chosen to receive them.

The college has been examining what it means to be an open access institution. PCC does not require a high school diploma or a GED for admittance to the college. Chancellor Flores stated that this sends a message to the community that PCC does not value education. Unless PCC insists upon a high school diploma or the equivalent GED, or some other form of demonstration that proves a potential student to be college ready, Flores stated that, “We are not teaching the right lesson.”

Chancellor Flores went on to say that Daniel Hernandez, who was present in saving Representative Gifford’s life, was a former PCC student who attended the “Upward Bound Program.”

Chancellor Flores moved on to course numbering, specifically speaking to the “common course numbering system.” The lack of a common numbering system in the state makes it more likely for students to lose transfer credits. Chancellor Flores reported that Arizona will have a common number system, with 90 courses already identified. This system employs a number extension for courses. For example, a Math 131 at one college will be titled Math 131-4562. Another college with the equivalent math course will be titled Math 129-4562 and so on. This will help students matriculate much more rapidly. Jennie Scott and others have helped provide support for this change.

The college has created a memorial scholarship for the victims of Saturday’s tragedy. More info will be available at a later date.

Raising the subject of differential tuition, Chancellor Flores is excited by the various ideas students have proposed. As mentioned during the December faculty senate meeting, one exciting idea is being referred to as “General Education Fridays” On Fridays, a PCC student could take three general education courses.

Regarding the distance between our campuses, Flores told the faculty that public transportation from the Downtown campus to Desert Vista takes two hours. Currently 20 percent of PCC students take courses at more than one campus. The development of a transportation plan is being investigated, specifically, a shuttle connecting Community Campus, Downtown Campus, and West Campus. Unfortunately, if East campus and North West campus were included, the plan would become infeasible. A request for a proposal is in the making.

Since the shooting, PCC has been receiving numerous media requests ranging from inquires from 60 Minutes, CNN, The New York Times and others, worldwide. Chancellor Flores does not want the staff second guessing themselves, but focusing on improvements. Faculty should stay mindful and helpful. The Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan said that Pima “Did what they had to do and did it right.” Continuous improvement is, of course, still the objective.

An inquiry to open access was raised, a faculty member asked if “the idea is that open access is not working?” Chancellor Flores replied that many individuals not graduating high school are not graduating from PCC either. Pre-requisites currently in place would become much less of a problem if we required diplomas or GEDs.

Erich Saphir asked the Chancellor if anything was going to be done along the lines of GED or diploma requirements for currently enrolled advanced placements students or high school students already taking courses. Saphir said that generally in his classes, these students are not a problem.
Ceanne Alvine thanked the Chancellor and the rest of the administration for a prompt, efficient and articulate response to what happened on Saturday. She stated that she was particularly grateful for the post traumatic crisis debriefing that happened on campus. Her remarks were applauded.

Diann Porter reminded the faculty senate of the next meeting, Friday February 4th at 12:45 at the Community Campus studio.

MaryKris Mcilwaine asked President Porter to send an e-mail of the December meeting minutes to review and reminded those present they would be making correction to said minutes. Diann Porter stated that they were ready, and that she would send them.

A motion to adjourn was seconded, carried and passed.