Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Friday, August 19th, 2011 West Campus  
12:35pm – 1:30pm

Members Present: Dolores Duran-Cerda (DC), Susan Pritchett (DC), Steve Mackie (WC), Earl Garrick (DC), Cheryl Blake (NW), Carol Christofferson (WC), Sarah Marcus (WC), Catherine O’Brien (WC), David Katz (WC), Andrea Henderson (DV), Steven Croft (DC), Lazaro Hong (WC), Tommy M. Salazar (DC), Erin Eichelberger (NW), Rosa I. Morales (WC), Patty Figueroa (EC), Sterling Vinson (DC), Greta Buck-Rodriguez (NW), Ron Hale (DC), Kimlisa Duchicela (DC), Ceanne Alvine (WC), John A. Kordich (WC), Josie Milliken (DC), Ellen Caldwell (WC), Joe Labuda (DO), Doug Holland (EC), Don Bock (NW), Barbara Armenta (EC), Randy Munson (NW), Eugene Gotwalt (DC), Sandy Niederriter (NW), Jeannie Arbogast (DV), Rita Flattley (East), Erich Saphir (WC), Olga Carranza (DV), Lara Van Etten (WC), Mic Denfeld (WC), Melinda Franz (WC), Pollyanna Wikrent (DV)

Guests: Deborah Yoklic, Pat Townsend (WC), Ana Jimenez (PCCEA), Suzanne Miles (DO), Roy Flores (DO), Bardo Padilla (DC)

1.0 Introduction and Call to Order
   Dolores Duran-Cerda called the meeting to order at 12:37pm. She welcomed the faculty and explained the absence of Diann Porter wishing her condolences.

2.0 Approval of the May Minutes:
   The senators were given a hard copy of the May Minutes and were told that an electronic copy would be coming within the next few days. They were asked to review the minutes before the September meeting to prepare for a discussion and approval.

3.0 Announcements
   Dolores Duran-Cerda announced that the next meet would be on September 9th, 2011 due to the Labor Day Holiday. Erich Saphir requested that the senate website be updated for 2011-2012 faculty senate meeting dates.

4.0 Agenda Modification and Open Forum Items
   There were no agenda modifications or open forum items.

5.0 Business
   5.1 Election of Vice- President
      Dolores Duran-Cerda explained that the past vice-president left the college and she was looking for nominations for a new vice-president. Pollyanna Wikrent nominated Jeannie Arbogast and she graciously accepted the nomination. Dolores Duran-Cerda called for a vote and Jeannie Arbogast was unanimously elected vice-president and joined Dolores Duran-Cerda at the podium desk.

6.0 Reports
   6.1 PCCEA Report  Ana Jimenez
      Ana Jimenez welcomed the faculty back and thanked all of the educational support faculty and other faculty members who worked throughout the summer. She also extended her condolences to Diann Porter. Ana Jimenez reported that the New Faculty Reception was a great success and thanked Rita Flattley for her wonderful work on the event. She also announced that the change in membership regulations will require substantial changes to the payment options available to PCCEA members. Any questions about these changes should go directly to the campus PCCEA representatives and faculty members should look for additional information to be reported in PCCEA emails. PCCEA elections will be coming up in November 2011. She concluded by wishing all a wonderful semester.
Kimlisa Duchicela provided the following summary of the May, and August Board of Governors meetings. There was no Faculty Senate representation during the June and July board meeting.

“May 11, 2011 BOG meeting

Public comments- Michael Corriol from AFSME used public comment to honor and do a dedication to Arlene Muniz for 30 years of service to AFSME.

Staff reports and student reports were read.
Chairperson Cortez thanked all for Pima employees for their hard work during the academic year and noted it had been a challenging one.

In the Chancellor’s report Dr Flores noted that Project Raise students had competed at the state level and won the top award for their Love, Learn, Share and Grow project

Employee groups presented the results of the meet and confer process.

The Chancellor gave the student representatives Mary Carroll and Khutso Choshi a plaque for their year of service to the BOG.

The Chancellor once more stated we cannot be sustainable with increased enrollment and the current money streams. We need to focus on those we can help. We are introducing entrance requirements and looking at ideas for a college readiness program to put us in a position to reposition ourselves

Dr Bea reported that the monthly financials remain as expected and in line with our expectations.

The Chancellor recognized Sylvia Lee’s retirement and the great loss her retirement will be; and recognized Jana Kooi, especially her work with online programs.

The new budget proposal was discussed and passed.

August 10, 2011 BOG meeting

Staff council gave a report:
Moving forward with admissions standards
Aviva schools supplies drive will continue thru September.
The California Pizza Gabe Zimmerman event went well.

Chancellor’s report

The Chancellor introduced C.J. Karamargin as the new Vice Chancellor for Public Information and Government Relations.
In corporate sector changes, Datatel has bought out Sungard and Sungard owns Banner. We need to keep eye on this. We will be talking to Datatel.

He expressed congratulations that Respiratory Therapy program was reaccredited for 10 years.

He discussed the economic picture and noted that we need to think about what this means for college in a stagnant economy for the foreseeable future.

Governor Stewart noted that, over last years, we have faced many challenges and he had trouble thinking of any college that has come up with as many creative solutions as Pima has under the chancellor’s leadership.

Financial – David Bea reported that, concluding fiscal year, we are within budget.

Consent agenda:
Changes in conflict of interest - redefined definition of close relative.
Change in what is considered a conflict of interest - broadened the category.
Removal of from payroll deductions for unions, in accordance with approved Senate bill.”

6.3 Provost’s Report  Suzanne Miles

Provost Suzanne Miles also extended condolences to Diann Porter and congratulated Jeannie Arbogast and Kimlisa Duchicela. She also thanked Ana Jimenez for her team’s teaching workshop on East campus.

Suzanne Miles stated that SPG 3501 on admissions and registration is moving forward. This document was brought to Faculty Senate and the reading /writing CDAC’s last spring and again at today’s meetings. The new admission changes have a planned start date of March 2012 for the summer and fall 2012 registration periods. The reasons for the delay from the original spring start date were reported as issues that arose with the many exceptions to the SPG including dual enrollment, non-degree seeking students and contract training. IT needs a little while longer to code for those types of students.

She mentioned a contentious forum that was held at downtown campus in July that she thought was due to misinformation. There is a perception that students assessing below the required scores will be kicked to the side. She stated that this is not the case.

Suzanne Miles announced that a team at Community Campus is working on a new program called, “Pathways to Pima” that was designed for students whose assessment scores are below the 7th grade level. This is a non-credit program that involves faculty, adult basic education, staff and administrators at Community Campus. Students who assess below 7th grade will be encouraged to go to that program. There will be diagnostics done to see where their deficiencies are and it is the hope that the college can get them up to speed very quickly to reassess at a higher level. This should be easily done for students assessing into 5th and 6th grade. Students whose assessment scores are in the first and third grade level might not be helped by this program and will be directed to agencies for literacy or ESL programs. Displaced workers in this category will be directed to Pima County One-Stop which is set up for displaced workers and also includes developmental education courses. She is trying to get the message out that Pima will not be pushing students aside and asks faculty help in this matter. We know that these students are not succeeding and that a change must be made. This redirection is very
strategic and a full team at community campus is engaged along with an open lab. They will be using diagnostic software and educational software that is faculty recommended to get students up to speed as well as face to face discussions. Students should be able to access this software at home or at Pima. Suzanne Miles requested to come back to Faculty Senate in October to discuss Pathways to Pima formally with the Senate.

6.4 Chancellor’s Report  Roy Flores

Chancellor Flores stated that he is confident that we will have a very good year and opened the floor to questions.

Rita Flattley: If we got out of being an official state institution, would that mean we would have to get out of the Arizona State Retirement System? RF: No, we would fashion a different relationship with the state. The urban colleges should have a different relationship that has nominal state oversight. More distance is sought with less reporting. There would still be some state oversight and the opportunity to participate in the state retirement system would exist.

Erich Saphir: Could you give us a general sense of money that could be saved by changing the relationship with the state? RF: Sure, we get 7.1 million from the state. A back of the envelope guess would be between $1 to 1 million is involved in responding to the state needs one way or another primarily due to state laws. He is more concerned with the state’s power to pass laws directly affecting the college like the guns on campus law.

Mic Denfeld: What’s our enrollment like this year? RF: Flat. Our projections for the next few years are that the enrollment will go up by 390 students. It costs about $6000 to educate a typical student and $18,000 to educate a nursing student. State funding is based on enrollment, but local funding is not. We have to make tough choices. We could continue to keep going as we are or begin to reposition the college as a smaller college. That isn’t a trivial thing. We can’t sustain 74,000 students with the amount of money we get from the state and we need to make thoughtful decisions on what we can do with the money we do currently have.

Rosa Morales: Firstly, thank you for reporting that Pima was number one in issuing degrees nationwide. RF: It is in two year certificates, not degrees. RM: Secondly, I appreciated that you mentioned the veteran’s centers when the Congressman was here. I heard from many students that were extremely upset when the decision was made to give funding to the university instead of the college. RF: Right, Congress had to make a tough decision. Even though we enroll a greater number of veterans than the university, the university got the earmark. RM: Thirdly, I am happy that you hired a PR representative that has experience with congressional issues because some of the needed information like you just mentioned is not readily available to the public. RF: I hope that you’ll share my comments to your friends and neighbors to help everyone understand the issues.

6.5 Faculty Senate President’s Report

No report given.

7.0 Open Forum

Debbie Yoklic: There is a vacancy on the dual enrollment committee. We would like to have a faculty member to serve on this committee whose discipline participates in dual enrollment. We already have a lot of math participation. We need more breadth of representation within the committee. If interested, send me an email.

Eric Saphir moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried. The Senate adjourned at 1:20pm.

8.0 Executive Session

None requested