ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Friday, April 9, 2010
Ka’a’ike 105
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Minutes


I. Called to Order at 1:39pm

II. Minutes from the 03/12/10 meeting were approved.

III. Unfinished Business

• Senate Response to Chancellor Sakamoto

Elaine Yamashita reported at the least meeting, there was a discussion at senate. Michele crafted a response and met with Chancellor Sakamoto. He will not yet sign off on the resolution. John McKee will be meeting with TLC staff to come up with more qualitative data on TLC effectiveness. This will be an important type of data for all programs to be able to get—qualitative data (evidence based, research based data).

Discussion: We are using the same mechanism at our library to assess program review that doctorate level libraries are using, yet we’re now being asked to use a different format and data.

There are ways to look at the process and purpose of gathering data: 1) use evidence to promote speculation, acknowledge weaknesses, and ask the questions about how we are doing and 2) Can we use this data to establish that we are doing something well. The later is problematic and not a useful use of our time and energy. Data is not our salvation or absolute.

• UHPA update—Elaine Yamashita reported from Vinnie Linares’ email.

1. Emphasis on graduates coming from Secretary of Education.
2. Need for union representatives.

III. New Business

• Campus Sustainability Committee Bylaws – Rebecca Mirsky reported we do have a campus Sustainability Committee, formerly chaired by Alex de Roode. The
committee has written bylaws for committee purpose, membership, and activities. One initiative will be to recycle paper on campus. An email with committee by-laws will be sent out. This is not a senate committee.

Maggie Bruck moved to support the Sustainability Committee, Lee Stein seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

• The Revised General Ed Core MOA Memo was distributed for further review.

• WASC Accreditation update: Laura Lees reported the current status of WASC Accreditation is to begin drafting the Institutional Proposal. After the focus group retreat and several discussions, the campus will be focusing on two themes for the Institutional Proposal: 1) Visioning UHMC and 2) Closing the Loop on Assessment

V. Standing Committee Reports/Updates

• Curriculum – BK Griesemer reported the following:

The Curriculum Committee moved to approve the following curriculum proposals.

The following two proposals are a program modification and program proposal to separate the Early Childhood Education program from the Human Services program:

2009.71 Human Services Program, Program Separation-Modification to program; separating out Early Childhood Education Program—Author: Lee Stein

2009.72 Early Childhood Education Program, Separated Program—Addition of this program as a separate program—Author: Elaine Yamashita

Elaine Yamashita added this would enable students to have a degree in Early Childhood Education. Several campuses share four common degrees with common courses and SLOs; however, the Early Childhood Education side emerged with different issues and focus. This will be an A.S. in Early Childhood.

Kate Acks seconded the motion to approve the program separation as stated in Curriculum Proposal 2009.71 and 2009.72. The motion passed unanimously.

2009.76 BIOL 152: Introduction to Biotechnology, 3cr.—Addition—Author: Sally Irwin, Description: Provides an overview of the impact of biotechnology in the achievement of contemporary objectives in the fields of medicine, ecology, food science, and forensics. Introduces the concepts of bioethics, patenting, and regulatory issues. Includes laboratory section with hands-on applications in DNA and protein technologies. 2 hrs. Lecture/3 hrs. Lab.

Bruce Butler seconded the motion.

Discussion: The three pre-requisites (English, Math, Biology) must be passed with a grade of “B” or better. This issue was thoroughly discussed in committee and Sally Irwin felt this was a necessary indicator for student success and there is also a “with consent.”

A similar issue was raised with the Academic Subject Certificate Communication.

Several Nursing courses require “B” grades as a pre-requisite.

Bernadette Fong from AtD showed the data that a “B” is significant in predicting student success, but student earning a “C” does not necessarily predict success.
39 voted yay; 0 nays; and 4 abstentions. The motion to approve Curriculum Proposal 2009.76 passed.

- The curriculum deadline for Spring semester has passed.
- All the curriculum from Fall that went through have been signed and posted to the website.
- The deadline for Fall 2010 is October 4.
- Kahele Dukelow, Debie Amby and BK. Greisemer have been working on Curriculum Central.
- Topic Courses are in the canon of the college. Alphas must already exist within the system. It is the department’s decision whether the course can be offered or not, the level of the course, and the course content. Topics courses are purposely flexible, but the approval must be made at the department level.
- Curriculum Committee will continue to meet Tuesdays at 3:00pm in Ka Lama 102 for AY 2010-2011.

• Assessment – BK Griesemer reported the following:
  - Thursday, April 22, 4:30pm-5:30pm: Assessment Report-out meeting—Everyone is invited to the annual Assessment Report out meeting in Kalama 104A. Participants in all three assessment initiatives: CTE Program Assessment and Review, CCOWIQ/General Education college-wide project, and the newly started Liberal Arts Assessment and Program Review will be presented. Learn what has happened this academic year on the assessment front and what is planned next. An agenda will be sent out about a week ahead of the meeting. Marty-Jean Bender and Mark Cook will also share how they can help you with this.

• Procedures & Policy – Bruce Butler reported the Applied Research Guidelines have been worked on. It was not available for discussion and so tabled for the next meeting.

The senate congratulated David Grooms’ move into the Interim Assistant Dean of Instruction position.

• Planning & Budget – David Grooms reported the following:
  - We will need a new Budget Committee chair for next year.
  - In the process of finishing the draft of budget questions for administration. If you want to include other questions, there’s still time for feedback.
  - Spoke with David Tamanaha about the issues of budget questions. It was decided to see if the Budget Committee chair could also be a member of the Executive Committee.
  - New strategy for positions being discussed: Go to Legislature from standpoint on retention, persistence, and job placement and how will our programs and positions satisfy those needs.
  - The senate should considering taking a more pro-active role in the budget process. We should come up with an idea of how we as a group want to participate in this process, rather than feel reactive.

Discussion: Great idea. There is a chart of the budget process established. Perhaps we should look at this process. One need is more than 24 hour notice for budget questions and decisions.

It was decided David Grooms will take this initiative back to the Budget Committee.
• IT-Committee – R. Riley reported IT-C will have a meeting 5 minutes after today’s senate meeting. Our last meeting will be May 7 to recognize those in transition.

VI.  Ad Hoc Committee Reports/Updates

• Social – Malia Davidson reported Spring Fling will be May 6, 2010 (2pm–6pm). There will be food and fun. $2 per person and families are invited. Tattooing, dunk booths, face painting, and all kinds of other activities for family fun.

VI.  Announcements

– Lee Stein announced April 15 and April 16, we are co-sponsoring an event with Men Can Stop Rape. April 15 is for everyone and April 16 is for those who want to help bring this initiative out into the community.

– Marty-Jean Bender encouraged faculty and staff to fill out the training request forms.

– Transfer Fair (with free lunch provided by ASMCC) April 19, 12-2pm.

VIII.  Next Meeting

• Friday, May 7, 2010, 1:30 p.m. (Please note this meeting is scheduled for the first Friday in May)

IX.  Adjourn at 2:47pm.