VVC Academic Senate Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Thursday, September 3, 2009
Administration Building Room 8, 3:30 p.m.

Called to order 3:35pm

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda

1. Action Items
   1.1 Approval of June 4, 2009 minutes Y
   1.2 Blackboard Committee – Ad hoc (Heaberlin, Davis) Y

2. President’s Report and Announcements

   Welcome back to Claudia, we missed you!
   2.1 Program Discontinuance – Document went to College Council 9/2/09 for first reading, looking at October BOT. Discussion re: program review, requirement for accreditation, accuracy of data.
   2.2 Budget & Layoffs – Discussion of Finance & Budget Committee meetings and current year proposed categorical layoffs. Discrepancy between year-end budget reports issued from district and San Bernardino County Schools. Bond market dried-up, expect 3-years until bonds will sell. Discussion re: winter session. Question re: funds spent for solar energy. Send departmental budget concerns to Senate and VVCFA executive teams to share information.
   2.3 Program Review – Training scheduled for next week.

3. Executive Officer’s Reports

   3.1 Past President, Gary Menser -- Budget concerns
   3.2 Vice President, Lisa Harvey -- Ongoing problems with IT. Faculty concerned with issues: content filtering with no notice; censoring instructional sites such as PBS Brain
Lab, Google Documents; changing network and acceptable use policies without consultation; copyright policing; having to justify educational access to network resources; and blocking student access. Senate suggests filing union grievance and senate executive team to draft resolution in response. Ongoing problems with Blackboard. Faculty complaint re: clearing a midterm attempt and classified personnel listed as instructor on the class site. Suggestion to document problems and send to senate and union executive boards.

3.3 Secretary / Treasurer, Leslie Huiner -- Collection for food $153.

3.4 Part-time Representative Report -- No report.

4. Shared Governance Reports

4.1 Safety & Security Committee – Tracy Davis & Scott Jones
Sent list of recommendations to Dr. Silverman in June and presented to College Council on 9/2/09. Many recommendations cost money and will be brought back. Minors in classroom and notification to instructors are being addressed right now. Upcoming CTA conference will discuss legal aspects of minors in classroom.

5. Committee Reports or Special Reports

6. Senate Representative Reports

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.