

VVC Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

Thursday May 1, 2008

Administration Building Room 8, 3:00 P.M.

Additions and Revisions in the Agenda Called to attention at 3:30

1. **Action Items**

1.1 **Approval of April 3, 2008 Minutes - Y**

2. **President's Report and Announcements**

2.1 – We had an idea about faculty of the year. Students are going ahead with it. Board is going ahead with honorary degrees. Gary agreed with Richard that we are going ahead with SLO's but admin seems to be critical. Stress of leadership may be the reason. Whole future of accreditation is iffy as well. Exactly where assessment plans to go with SLO's goes we don't know. Ask Lisa H. Budget is still iffy. Cuts will hurt. May revise will let us know more. State debt is expected to be B22.5. We aren't alone in this issue.

3. **Executive Officer's Reports**

Vice President – Debby Blanchard – absent, no report.

Secretary – Carol Gollhofer – No report.

Treasurer – Jim Wilson – Ballots coming soon. Trying to make website more useful. Check for proposed policies. Please check if you have the originals.

Part-Time Representative report – no report – Office in Academic Commons in good shape.

4. **Committee Reports or Special Reports**

4.1 Curriculum Committee – Richard Cerreto – queues are full. Approved 200 classes last week. As many are waiting.

4.2 Student Learning Assessment Committee – Marc Skuster -- still waiting for clarification from Debby and Lisa. No meeting therefore. Gary brought cool handouts about SLO's.

4.3 Program Review – Khalid Rubayi – no report.

4.4 Equivalency – Debby Blanchard – no report.

4.5 Budget and Finance Committee – Peter Allan. Leslie Huiner: We may have been overpaid; we might have to pay \$1M back or get reduced funds. Equalization funds seem to be MIA.

Peter Allan wondered where the reserve went. Recent history seems to have allowed an open purse: lawyers, stuff, consultants. We are not overpaid according to comparative campuses. Budget workshop for BoT. If Winter Session is reduced or suspended, some programs (nursing and RT) might still have to have sessions.

4.6 Grant Writing and Compliance – NEED A CHAIR

4.7 Foundation – Becky Palmer – Retreat coming soon; send info to Becky about what we need from the Foundation. Carol will send out survey by Monday 5/5.

4.8 College Council/Synergy – Dave Holloman – Bond coming soon. Public seems to be in favor if safety programs are emphasized. Outside group will be running the drive. Cost is about \$65,000 Westside campus may be part of running the drive. Westside Center is important if we are ever going to expand. So recent Facilities Master Plan may be revised. Place is Golden Triangle. How to get the land. Work force develop center: health science, fire tech, logistics, hospitality. Might be contacted by this group. Make links to St. Mary's new hospital, airport, and 4-year univ going in there.

4.9 Honors – Tim Adell – Three courses are on for fall. These are stand alone.

4.10 Graduation Requirements – Pam James – Getting ready for updates on green sheet.

4.11 Online Program – Glenn Akers : no report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.