District Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 12th, 2012
Los Angeles Valley College

MINUTES

Attendance

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<td>Officers</td>
<td>Don Gauthier (President), David Beaulieu (2nd Vice President), Kathleen Bimber (1st Vice President), Alex Immerblum (Treasurer), Angela Echeverri (Secretary)</td>
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<td>City</td>
<td>John Freitas, Dana Cohen</td>
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<td>East</td>
<td>Alex Immerblum, Jeff Hernandez, Lurelean Gaines, Blanca Adajian</td>
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<td>Harbor</td>
<td>Susan McMurray, William Hernandez, Yui Fan</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Angela Echeverri, Mike Climo</td>
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<td>Pierce</td>
<td>Tom Rosdahl, Elizabeth Atondo, Pam Brown, Blanca Adajian</td>
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<td>Southwest</td>
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<td>Trade</td>
<td>Lourdes Brent, Fred Padilla, Larry Pogoler</td>
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<td>Valley</td>
<td>La Vergne Rosow, Vic Fusilero</td>
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<td>Adrienne Foster</td>
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1. Call to order/Approval of Agenda: President Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Agenda was approved with the addition of a resolution regarding district journalism programs (M/S/U).

2. Approval of February 9th Minutes: Minutes of the 2/09/12 DAS meeting were approved with corrections (M/S/U).

3. Public Speakers: Shigueru Tsuha and Kendai Le, from the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute, reported on DHLI’s recent activities, which include faculty putting on a variety of labor events at the colleges. Maria Elena Durazo will be appearing at Mission this semester, for example. Development of labor-based curriculum continues, with fifteen courses offered this year, most of them twice.

Action Items

4. BR 6703.17 Remedial Coursework: This Board Rule stipulates that the following students are exempted from the 30 unit limitation on remedial coursework:
   - Students enrolled in one or more classes of ESL;
   - Students identified by the district as having a learning disability as defined in section 56036.

BR 6703.17 approved.
5. BR 6704.11 Maximum Units Allowable: This Board Rule states that the maximum number of units taken as credit by exam that may be applied toward graduation requirements shall be limited to 15 units. A grade must now be given for these units. Pass or Crx will no longer be accepted by the state. BR 6704.11 approved.

6. E-120 Student Transcript Notations: Changes to this administrative regulation stipulate how credit will be awarded for course equivalency:
   - Each college within the LACCD determines if any course equivalency will be awarded for AA/AS major credit.
   - Course equivalency may be awarded for External Exams and Military Credit. If course equivalency is awarded it will be noted on the transcript.
E-120 was approved.

7. DAS resolution on the Campus Child Development Lab Schools: This resolution supports continued funding of Child Development Lab Schools and states:
   - Resolved, that the District Academic Senate of the Los Angeles Community College District urge the district to support the continued existence of the campus child development center laboratory schools in order to provide access to quality childcare so that students will be successful in attaining their educational goals and "achieving their dream," and
   - Be it further resolved that in order to maintain the viability and quality of programs, contracted faculty will be replaced.
Rosow asked whether we should include a reference to Achieving the Dream because ten years from now no one will remember what it means. Bimber stated that a viability study is necessary before closing a Child Development Center. She added that a president cannot arbitrarily close several programs. They can only close certain student services without viability studies because they are not necessarily programs.

There was a vote of 16-4 on a motion by Beaulieu/Rosow to drop the second resolution (which referenced the contract). This was followed by a substitute second resolution (McMurray/Freitas) that talked only about the min quals of the staff. That resolution passed, with only four opposed, no abstentions. Finally, the full resolution passed, with all in favor but for one, no abstentions.

8. DAS Textbook Resolution: The resolution on Textbook Affordability states the following:
   - Resolved that the DAS communicate faculty concerns to the LACCD Board of Trustees regarding high textbook prices at our bookstores, as well as faculty
efforts to address this issue (i.e. OER, meeting with publisher reps, textbook standardization, etc.);

- Resolved that policy be established so that college bookstores within the District become more competitive within the market as a service to our students and their success.

Resolution was approved after a lengthy discussion. Rosdahl cited fears that bookstores will have no future if they're not allowed to be more competitive. Pogoler and Brent suggested unique characteristics of bookstores, however. Gauthier mentioned recent Board discussion about taking collective action to get lower prices.

9. **Non-credit Academic Rank:** A resolution titled "Consistent Eligibility and Award Criteria and Policies for Academic Rank for all Regular Faculty in the Los Angeles Community College District" was discussed. Brent stated that full-time faculty should be eligible for rank. Pogoler said unless the second resolve is changed, a 2/3 vote is needed to bring the resolution back to the table. Foster argued the resolution should be moot based on prior action of the DAS on Academic Rank.

   Resolution was tabled (Rosow/Climo MSP).

**Discussion Items**

10. **Testimonial/Presentation:** Gauthier said he will invite June Smith to our May 2012 meeting to honor her for her service to the DAS.

11. **Plenary resolutions:** Gauthier asked DAS members to discuss the ASCCC resolutions with their local senates. He reminded members to ask faculty to review the paper titled "The Role of Counseling Faculty and Delivery of Counseling in the California Community Colleges”.

12. **Items from the Floor (Personal Development/Faculty Advising):** Gauthier stated there are not enough counselors to teach student success courses, because the QTOPs listing states they can only be taught by counselors (in Personal Development courses). He suggested changing the QTOPs so that all faculty can teach these courses. Pogoler and Rosow asked whether there is a cadre of counselors that are willing to teach PD pedagogy to other faculty. Beaulieu replied we have not had those discussions yet. He added there is definitely no intention of having non-counselors doing anything that requires counseling or psychological expertise. Foster recommended taking this proposal through the Equivalency Committee before moving forward. That was the intention McMurray said college success skills need to be taught by all faculty if we are really serious about student success. Bimber added faculty have the responsibility of identifying the Minimum Qualifications (MQs) for each course. QTOPs have a local nuance. For example, we can accept an alternate title because the MQs at the state level are not exactly the same as the degrees that are awarded to faculty. QTOPs are our interpretation through the discipline committee process and equivalency process. QTOPs are typically reviewed every five to six years and come through
discipline equivalency and the DAS Executive Board. New courses can be reviewed more
often. Rosow asked whether the new student success course would have a list of things
students need to learn.

13. Campus Newspapers: Freitas introduced a DAS resolution on continued funding for
college newspapers to be noticed for action at the May 10, 2012 DAS meeting. The
resolution passed the City Academic Senate on March 29, 2012, in support of their campus
newspaper, The Collegian. Freitas reported that the City administration has proposed that
the college newspaper support itself through ad revenues. McMurray said that Harbor is
taking the funding away from its newspaper. Pogoler reported that Trade closed down their
newspaper as well. Adajian added that Pierce only has a part-time person running their
newspaper (The Roundup). The only college newspapers left will be Pierce’s, the Valley Star
and East’s. There used to be a newspaper at every campus. Rosdahl said with the current
budget crisis we are looking at tremendous cuts and we will not have the money to fund
everything. He expressed concern that everyone else is going to get on the bandwagon and
stated that the reality is that printed newspapers are disappearing.

Freitas added that our Board Rules say you need to do a viability study if you are going to
discontinue any program, after which the senate and college president make a
recommendation to the Board. Beaulieu said we are at a difficult point because some college
presidents are advocating eliminating reassigned time for the senate. The budget news in the
short term is pretty troubling and a little bit of sacrifice by everybody would go a long way
towards protecting the academic programs. Pogoler said most campuses have gone from two
to five vice presidents, so we can sacrifice three of them. He is amused when people say what
presidents can or cannot do. The Board and chancellor do not have consequences for the
presidents. Rosdahl stated that the majority of our programs need supply money and we
cannot teach without supplies (auto, science, etc.). This issue came up a few years ago to
protect newspapers from a president’s wrath. Beaulieu stated we can constrain presidents
by working with the Chancellor and the Board, but it takes far too much of our energy and
time. McMurray said the fee increases being proposed are going to fund the state
chancellor’s office. We should look at the budget of the District Office. Adajian stated that
even at a time when newspapers were profitable, they would sell advertising and the
revenues would go to the district; they could have been independent if they had a good
manager. Hernandez stated we should develop resolutions in two other areas: the lack of
program viability (which is a process required under accreditation) and the area of shared
governance. The attack on reassigned time is undermining statutory requirements. This
needs to be brought to consultation as well. The vote to bring back the resolution as a
noticed motion next month passed.

REPORTS

14. President’s Report (Gauthier):

a. Project Match: Gauthier reported that Project MATCH Director Joanna Zimring-Towne
needs volunteers to screen applicants over two days (April 20-21).

b. Discipline Revisions: Two discipline revisions are coming to the state academic senate:
kinesiology and stagecraft (proposal to remove). Pogoler said his senate was asking him to
divide stagecraft into stagecraft (vocational) and theater arts (transfer).
c. Accreditation: The ACCJC is looking for a faculty member to serve on the commission effective July 1, 2012.

d. Bond Program: McMurray said the District has taken a large chunk of money from each college’s bond allocation. David Beaulieu replied that Lloyd Silberstein’s position is that the colleges’ unspent funding can be used for an emergency. When they say the LACCD does not have a bond reserve, it really does because every college has reserves. Each college is being asked to cut anywhere from 10% to 18%. Immerblum said to take a huge amount of money out of the college bond allocations is terrible planning and creates great anxiety. Gauthier stated the district does not want to have unfinished buildings. We have a new Build LACCD director and this is one way to ensure there will be enough money to finish all the projects we start. After we do the full assessment it is clear some colleges will have overbuilt (probably Mission and Southwest). Beaulieu said an across the board moratorium is problematic for those colleges who clearly have a solid case to proceed. Hernandez said he understands the strategy that they are using, but marketwise it is not prudent to drag this moratorium out for several months. The market is very competitive now, but once the recovery kicks in costs will go up and we may get priced out. Beaulieu said $500 million will get released out of $1.7 Billion. He expressed hope that more will get released, because East has some very justifiable major projects that need to get underway. He added he hoped that the Bond Steering Committee will make the final decisions. If Chancellor LaVista insists it is his call, we will know what kind of fight we will have. We definitely need to find $125 million in savings to cover the cost overruns; we can save that amount that by dropping all the satellites. Pogoler argued we should be very careful about what we campaign for in the future. Rosdahl said bait and switch is illegal in the business world.

Motion to extend Rosdahl/Brent for 15 minutes MSP

15. Past President’s Report (Beaulieu):

Article 33: Beaulieu reported that he wrote a letter on Tuesday to Steve Bruckman, the Executive Vice Chancellor of Operations and General Counsel in which he asked for his opinion and guidance for legal action on Article 33 (Faculty Hiring) of the AFT contract.

Administrative Hiring: Beaulieu reported that the HR guide on administrative is done. There are a couple of questions regarding the HR guide on faculty hiring because when President Chapdelaine was chairing the HR Council, they inserted language saying a panel can interview as few as three applicants and can be made up of tenured/non-tenured faculty. Hernandez asked about submitting a ranked list of candidates. Immerblum said HR 122 has also been changed. Beaulieu said the HR guide on Instructor Special Assignment (ISA) (HR 121), needs to be revised; the information is very sparse and the language needs some work. Immerblum said we need a taskforce that works with the administration to review all the HR guides.

16. DCC Report (Bimber):

Noticed item E-64 Revision: Bimber reported that changes to E-64 (Descriptions of Certificate, Certificate of Completion/Competition and Skill Certificates only) were sent out.
There have been issues regarding some administrators who felt they had the power to deny approval of some certificates of achievement and skill certificates. The language also states that the coursework for the major needs to be a C or higher. E-64 changes are noticed for next meeting.

**Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC):** There is a huge push from the state to approve as many TMCs as possible. The other side of the coin is the CSUs are going to be freezing admissions, but they will give priority enrollment to some TMC students.

**Priority registration:** The proposed priority for registration is as follows:

1. College
2. District-wide
3. Nondistrict

Bimber reported that several E-regulations and Board Rules have been posted that have not gone through the DCC and DAS approval process (e.g.: E-69). Bimber and Gauthier have been meeting with Vice Chancellor Delahoussaye to come up with a tracking process.

**17. DBC Report:** Beaulieu stated we have no choice but to prepare for the Tax Initiative not passing, which will result in cuts in salary or benefits. Even if the initiative passes, the LACCD is still short $25 million; if it does not pass it is short $50 million. Brent asked how much would be saved for each administrative furlough day. Beaulieu replied that administrators are paid on M basis; by putting them on D basis they would have 21 days off. He added that if we were to stop everything for a week and not have a winter intersession, we could save over $10 million. Bimber asked if they are going to consider a golden handshake, which could save a lot of money.

**18. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by DAS Secretary Angela Echeverri.