

**Pierce College
Academic Senate
Minutes of March 8, 2004**

Members Present: B. Adajian, J. Binsley, P. Brown, Jennifer Cohen, M. Cornner, M. Dobbertin, G. Eisenbart, R. Follett, A. Gibson- Lott, G. Gilbertson, M. Gonzalez, I. Goodman, B. Hart, G. Hobbs, K. Holland, L. Horn, L. Koller, D. Levine, B. Logan, S. McHargue, B. O'Dello, C. Pandey, M. Pawlicki, T. Rosdahl, S. Schnieder, D. Schutzer, P. Stein, Z. Tabatabai, L. Thouin, M. Weiser, D. Wittman

Guests Present: C. Rooney, E. McCormack, R. Skidmore, T. Oliver

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Barrie Logan. The **agenda** was adopted by consensus. The **minutes** of February 23, 2004 were approved.

Margarita Gonzalez announced that Ed Boggess passed away over the weekend. In accordance with his wishes there will be no service. He was the son of a founding faculty member and was a graduate of Pierce. He started teaching in the Agriculture Department in 1975 and later transferred to counseling where he was known by colleagues and students as a very hard worker. He was 59 years old.

Treasurer's Report—David Schutzer announced that there are now 104 paid faculty members. The Philosophy/Sociology Department has established a new scholarship fund.

- **College Administration Report**—Tom Oliver

Later this afternoon there will be a retreat to discuss Bond projects. There will be a discussion of timelines and overages. Newly passed State Proposition 55 will have \$8 million for Pierce.

A **marketing plan** with 2 phases is being planned. There has been a drop in enrollment; they have identified 23 things that we had been doing to market the college but have stopped doing. We are going to go back to doing some of them. There will be committee to plan for growth in the college of 3%, 7% and 11%. We are currently under funded by 9%. So if growth money of 3% or 7% is offered by the state, we don't have to do anything to capture that money. However, we want to be in the position to access the growth money of 11% is offered. And we want to be in the position to take whatever other monies are offered, if other colleges do not grow.

The funding of 11% may come from the students who are being deferred from the UC's and CSU's. The state chancellor (Drummond) is currently negotiating for the full 10.6% for community colleges in the Prop. 98 split with the K-12 system.

On March 15 there will be a protest march in Sacramento. Busses will go from Valley, Trade, Mission and East.

- **Articulation Officer/Transfer Center Director**—Elizabeth McCormick

We will be seeing the deferred students from UC and CSU but there is no plan in place yet regarding their tuition waiver.

- **Senate President's Report**—Barrie Logan

CATE Report—Tom Rosdahl (CATE stands for Career and Technology Education Committee formerly known as VTEA).

Two of our vocational programs were honored last week at a meeting in San Francisco:

- CAOT was honored for its partnership with Office Depot.
- The Agriculture Department was honored for the Mule Program.

Toyota is doing an on-campus contract-ed training for their mechanics. They are paying \$1700 per student and they are donating two new cars to the automotive technology department.

There are several scholarships available valued at \$2000 scholarships per year from the state

The Auto Tech program was featured in *Pierce Works* newsletter.

- **Requirements for an Associate Degree** (see attachment)

There is a proposed change in Board Rules that will allow for more College autonomy so that our Transfer AA can be implemented.

The attached chart showed the comparison of degrees granted v. transfer students. We are the only college with more transfers than AA degrees. The degrees are driven by Liberal Arts and Sciences majors. Most of these students have Eng 101 or Math 125. (In the rest of the district many students also have the higher levels. It appears that the degree program is driven by the transfer requirements.)

- **Fall 2004 Semester:**

Friday, August 27, Mandatory On-campus Professional Development Day; Monday, August 30 Classes Begin

There was a discussion as to whether the opening day should be an evening event as it has been in the past two years, since this year it would be on Friday. Should it be a morning event or should we ask for an MOU to move it to Thursday.

- Evening is more convenient for adjunct faculty.
- It is cooler in the evening.
- Friday evening could be considered part of the weekend by many.

Several straw votes were taken. 18 of the members had no preference of which day. On the question of AM versus PM, 12 preferred PM, 8 preferred AM. When asked to state a preference, 13 preferred Thursday PM, 5 preferred Friday AM and 7 preferred Friday PM.

- **Old Business**

Dirty Windows, Boards, and Bathrooms—report from Senior Staff meeting

Many classified retired so they are reorganizing and restructuring. If there is a problem you should call 6441; use TAMIS for work requests or the department chair can call Randy Brooks or Charlie Ng.

- **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Academic Policy**—Izzy Goodman

The Responsibilities & Obligations of Full-time & Adjunct Faculty document (see attachment) went back to department chairs for further discussion. It went to the Ethics committee. Feedback was consolidated and changes were made (see strikethrough and bold words) The word “Friday” was replaced with the word “weekday”.

Some further suggestions were made: 2 e. “clear” is redundant; **3h. What about 18 hour loads?**

Introduction – If this document could be used as an evaluation tool, it should be stated in the introduction. There was further discussion about the purpose of the document, especially in orientation and training of new faculty.

There was a call for the question; the document was approved with 2 dissenting votes.

Curriculum—Lyn Koller: No report

Professional Development—

Kathy Holland reported on the March 8 meeting. The committee is working on a proposal to be forwarded to the Senate for academic rank for part-time faculty, to be known as Adjunct Associate Professor

Raymond Wells will be retiring from the committee chairmanship after this semester.

Professional Ethics—Betty Odello

At their March 1 meeting there was a discussion of the Responsibilities document. They are planning a “cartoon” based on the recommendations of the Textbook pricing taskforce. There had been a proposal for changing the student drop date. It has been determined that this is a district issue and can’t be done on the campus. It could be brought to the DAS. A majority of the members of the Departmental Council would like an earlier drop date. Discussion was tabled until a later date.

- **College Committee/Task Force Report**

Pierce College Council—Pam Brown, Mike Cornner, Greg Gilbertson, Phil Stein There was no meeting.

Technology Management Committee—Jill Binsley, Gail Hobbs: There was no meeting.

Adjournment was at 3:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Levine, Secretary