

**Pierce College
Academic Senate
Minutes of May 3, 2004**

Members Present: J. Binsley, P. Brown, M/ Cornner, M. Dobbertin, G. Eisenbart, R. Follett, G. Gilbertson, I. Goodman, B. Hart, G. Hobbs, L. Koller, D. Levine, B. Logan, S. McHargue, B. O'Dello, R. O'Neil, M. Pawlicki, T. Rosdahl, S. Schneider, D. Schutzer, P. Stein, Z. Tabatabai, L. Thouin, M. Weiser, R. Wells, D. Wittman

Guests Present: C. Rooney, E. McCormack, S. Trevedi, R. Skidmore, B. Benne

The meeting was **called to order** at 2:17 pm by Barrie Logan. The **agenda** was adopted by consensus with the following change: 9.2 will be deferred until Kathy Yoder arrives after her class.

The **minutes** of April 19, 2004 were approved by consensus. There was no Treasurer's Report.

College Administration Report—Tom Oliver

- The District acknowledged Excellence in Workforce Development with awards. Pierce received 2 out of the 9 awards presented. (There were fifty candidate programs in each category.) The State of the Art Curriculum and Competencies Award was presented to the Smog Certificate Program in our Automotive Technology Program and the Most Promising New Workforce Development Program was given to Mule Training Program.
- The summer will be a 4 day – 5 week session, instead of 5 day-5 week. The campus will be essentially on a 4 day week starting the week after graduation until two weeks before the start of school in the fall.
- Accreditation will be in 06/07. Anyone interested in being the faculty leader should contact Barrie. (It will begin as a .4 position and become full release towards the end of the process.) The program review support staff person will be available to help the accreditation team.
- They are beginning the process of offering naming opportunities in return for donations to the building process.
- In response to a question, Tom will see the Chancellor on Friday (May 7) and ask about the status of the Transfer AA. The proposal allowing campus autonomy in determining graduation requirements was passed at last week's Board Meeting.

Articulation Officer/Transfer Center Director—Elizabeth McCormick

There were questions and discussion about the GTO students, those redirected from the UC's and CSU's.

Senate President's Report—Barrie Logan

Bond Projects: Task Forces; Budget (challenges and solutions); A Case Study—James Rikel, Bill Lukeheart Bill who is the Project Director for Swinerton discussed the Scope, Schedule and Budget, which are the parameters of the project. But all has to fit in the Budget. There has been no major building a Pierce since 1982; little building in the district. It has taken some time for the District to gear up and get in building mode.

There was a discussion about how to either lower the cost of the Center for Sciences or reduce the scope of the project. There will be a discussion of reallocation of funds for the bonds for the entire college.

The biggest budget item that has changed since the original plan is the need for infrastructure upgrade that was not anticipated.

There was a philosophical discussion about whether or not it is preferable to have a couple of showcase buildings at the expense of the rest of the campus or to spread the budget more equally.

Joyce Weiss's position has been filled by Debbie Swarens who will be an Administrative Analyst.

Old Business

NOTICED MOTION:

Whereas many people simply do not realize that having cell phone conversations near the classrooms is disruptive;

Whereas most people are unfamiliar with the acoustic amplification caused by the overhangs above the sidewalks immediately adjacent to most of our classrooms; and

Whereas quiet is necessary for effective teaching and especially examinations;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate urge the Pierce College Council and the college leadership to label walkways adjacent to classrooms *Cell-Phone Free Zones*; and

Resolved that appropriate signage be posted during the current Bond A and AA funded remodeling of the campus.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Academic Policy**—Izzy Goodman

Summer Session Policy- The Academic Policy committee discussed what priorities were used in deciding the summer allocation; the priority in the past two summers has been maximizing income. Is that what we want to stick to?

Hiring of Interim President – The committee has met and a recruitment brochure has been released. The committee includes 4 faculty member: Izzy Goodman and Lyn Koller, from the Senate, Don Sparks and Sheila Williams from AFT. Other members of the committee are Chancellor Landsberger, Donna- Mae Villanueva, Joy McCaslin, Debbie Swarens, Josh Berman (ASO President), Sylvia Silva (non-voting). The position will begin as soon as Applicant is chosen (mid-June) until June 2005.

- **Curriculum**—Lyn Koller

The last meeting of the year will be on May 14.

- **Professional Development**—Raymond Wells

- The Faculty Support Center is going to include everything that will be included in the Tech Building. It is progressing quickly and should be completed by the end of this month.

- Advancement in Academic Rank: The application will be on line shortly.

- Adjunct Academic Rank—There was a motion to establish the rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor for part-time instructors who have been hired to teach a 4th semester within a 3 year period.

- Recipient of Pierce Emeriti Professors -- Eugene Larsen was chosen; he will be honored at the Faculty Gala

- Cheryl Cohen will be the new chair of the Professional Development committee beginning in 2004-2005.

Raising the Math Requirement for the Associate Degree—Kathie Yoder

There is a statewide move (proposed by the Board of Governors) to raise the Math requirements for the AA. The current minimum is elementary algebra. The proposed change will require one class beyond elementary Algebra (i.e. Geometry and Intermediate Algebra). The high schools are changing their

graduation requirements to elementary algebra. The reasoning behind changing the AA requirements is the feeling that a college degree (even an AA) should require at least 1 class beyond the high school requirements. The math community is interested in coming up with some courses beyond algebra that are not the intermediate algebra that math majors take, but a course that would apply to the students' field (nursing, automotive technology, social science) or everyday life. Statistics from colleges (such as Santa Monica) show that if you require the higher classes, students will take them and pass them. Actually, 80% of degree recipients at Pierce have taken the higher level of both math and English than required for the AA.

Professional Ethics, College Committee/Task Force Report, Pierce College Council, Technology Management Committee New Business Student Fees/Student Health Center were postponed until the next meeting.

Adjournment was at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Levine, Secretary