

**District Academic Senate
Unapproved Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2011**

I. Organizational Matters

A. Roll Call

Co-Chair Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Senators	A	P	Senators	A	P
Cox (Ext. 5165) MC		X	Morgan (Ext. 5397) MC		X
Ghodrat (Ext. 2442) WVC		X	Oliver (Ext. 5247) MC		X
Hannigan (Ext. 2629) WVC		X	O'Neill (Ext. 5082) MC		X
Jones MC	X		Ryan (Ext. 2488) WVC		X
Kelly (Ext. 2546) WVC		X	Shoemaker (Ext. 2436) WVC		X
Maia (Ext. 2507) WVC		X	Winsome (Ext. 5217) MC		X
Guests:			Guests: R. Berlani		X

B. Order of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the order of the agenda. (M/S/U – Kelly/Ghodrat)

C. Approval of the DAS Meeting Minutes Dated 3/17/11.

The meeting minutes dated 3/17/11 were approved as presented. (M/S/U - Hannigan/O'Neill)

II. Oral Communication from the Public

None.

III. Information & Announcements

Co-Chair Shoemaker reported that at a recent District Council (DC) meeting, the body discussed the issue of hiring a new District Chancellor. There was general recognition that a Chancellor is necessary on several levels. However, there is also recognition that, especially during these economic times, the position should be reviewed and discussed before a replacement is found. It would be disadvantageous for someone to begin and immediately be at odds with the college communities due to the process by which they were hired. The Board of Trustees (BOT) will be discussing the issue during an upcoming study session, along with the possibility of increasing faculty representation on the search committee for the Chancellor position.

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion & Consideration of Direction Provided by College Senates re: District Shared Governance

At recent college academic senate meetings, the following motions were made in order to provide guidance to the DAS:

WVCAS Motion, made 4/5/11:

“that the West Valley College Academic Senate affirms that it is the responsibility of the District Academic Senate to affirm the legislative role pertinent to the processes of institutional planning and institutional budgeting.”

MCAS Motions, made 4/7/11:

“that the Mission College Academic Senate strongly endorses District Council and the District Budget Advisory Council being two separate bodies.”

“that the Mission College Academic Senate supports the District Academic Senate’s membership recommendations for the two bodies and recommends that a review of the bodies take place in one year.”

The WVCAS also recommended that the DAS propose to unmerge the two bodies, reconstitute the memberships and review the process within one year to see how it’s working. The WVC Senators also agreed that the DAS should not bypass the DC/DBAC in this process if possible. It was noted that if the DC was to reject or ignore the proposal, the DAS does maintain the right to take the proposal to the BOT.

B. Discussion on the DAS’s Proposed District Shared Governance Bodies

At this time, a motion was made to approve the following proposal made by the DAS at its 3/17/11 meeting (M/S/U: Ghodrat/Kelly):

District Council will be made up of the following voting individuals:

- Four faculty (one of these faculty positions would be guaranteed for ACE, one would each be appointed by each College's Academic Senate, and the fourth faculty member would be appointed by the Academic Senate from the college that currently does not host the ACE president)
- Three students (one from each college, with the additional one perhaps alternating each year from both colleges)
- Three classified (one appointed by each college's Classified Senate, plus one spot guaranteed for SEIU person)
- Three administrators (to be chosen by the Administrative Services Council)

A Budget Advisory Commission would consist of the same number and types of positions, although the actual people who serve in those positions could be different from those that serve on District Council.

Co-Chairs Cox and Shoemaker noted that the proposal will be brought to the DC meeting scheduled for 4/25/11. All the DAS Senators were encouraged to attend said meeting.

The Senators engaged in a discussion on the issue of reviewing the newly constituted DC and DBAC. It was suggested that the DC and DBAC be asked to rewrite their scope and procedure structures and then bring the procedures back to the DAS for

review. Others felt that the DAS should be even more involved in order to avoid becoming a consultative body. It was suggested that DC form its own task force that could essentially do a self-evaluation; look at the duties and responsibilities of the body, determine what was not working well in the past and why the merger occurred.

At this time, the following motion was made and seconded (M/S/ – Ghodrat/Winsome):

“that the District Academic Senate requests that the newly reconstituted District Council (based on the DAS’s recommendation) review the charges of the district level governance bodies including DC, the District Budget Advisory Council, Administrative Services Council and others, as well as how they relate to the two college’s participatory governance committees and processes and develop a district level shared governance model to be brought to DAS for approval.”

A discussion ensued on the motion and various concerns on the motion were raised. What are the expected results of the motion? What would be the deadline for the expected results? How will it be determined that the intent of the motion was accomplished? Is the motion asking too much of a newly constituted group? Is the motion too convoluted? Would simplifying the motion be disadvantageous and cause the Senate’s intent to be less clear?

At this time, a motion was made to table the motion until the DAS meeting of 4/28/11. (M/S/U – Winsome/Kelly) The Senators agreed that the motion required more discussion and possible editing.

C. Update on ACE/Senate Liaison Agreement

ACE President Roberta Berlani distributed a draft agreement between a union and district over the purview of the union and the academic senate. Ms. Berlani walked the Senators through the document. Although appreciated, it was realized that the DAS is seeking a Letter of Understanding; not contractual language. Such a document could be helpful in the future after a LOU is written.

The Senators agreed that a discussion should be held on the existing LOU, written in 1987. It may be possible to work from that document. The Senators also requested information on other union/senate liaison agreements. Co-Chair Cox and Ms. Berlani agreed to meet and discuss the issue before the next DAS meeting.

V. New Business

A. State Budget Picture & District Planning

This item was not discussed as there was no new budget news to report.

VI. Publications

None.

VII. Future Agenda Items (In no particular order)

A. Development of District Shared Governance Procedures

B. Course Repeatability

C. Minimum Qualifications

- D. Local Minimum Qualification Re-Assessment Discussion
- E. Redeveloping the Executive Management Hiring Practices

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Academic Senate Secretary Lauren Milbourne.