



Mission College Academic Senate President's Report 5/1/08

Title 5 Section 53200 (b):
Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters.

Section 53200 (c):
"Academic and professional matter" means the following policy development and implementation matters:

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.
3. Grading Policies
4. Educational program development.
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports.
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
9. Processes for program review.
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.

There's not a great deal new to report this week, as we get closer and closer to the end of the semester. Everyone is working furiously to finish key tasks before the end of the semester, and worrying about what is going to happen over the summer before we return in the Fall.

I would like to encourage as many faculty as possible to attend the meetings of **District Council** and **DBAC**, which take place in Spring here at Mission in Campus Center 219/220. These meetings (Wednesdays from 2-4 for District Council, and 2:30 – 4 for DBAC) are the highest level shared-governance bodies in the District, and they continue over the summer. Major decisions are made in these meetings concerning budget, policy, and strategic planning. Anyone can attend, and while the Senate President sits on these bodies as a voting member, it would be a very good thing to have more people listening to the discussions that take place and sharing the information that is disseminated. The meetings will continue at Mission through June, and beginning in July they will move to the Board Room at West Valley for the remainder of the year. If you are around in the summer, and not teaching at that time, I urge you to drop in and pay attention to the discussions that are going on – and keep reading your email for updates from the Academic Senate!

HBA and Budget: I hope everyone saw the Scott Herhold column in today's Mercury-News, where he describes the District's HBA crisis and the effect it is having on our budget. The information presented was very matter-of-fact, acknowledged that the situation began many years ago, and pointed out that the District is paying a penalty and facing budget cuts if enrollment does not grow to replace the lost hours that were reported to the state.

Regarding enrolment and apportionment, I have received a copy of the CCFS 320 P3 report detailing the amount of FTES reported to the state for apportionment in FY06/07, and the amount allowed once it has been adjusted for HBA. The amount removed from Mission's reported credit FTES is 1,001.73. The amount removed from West Valley's reported credit FTES is 1080.38. While the total removed District-wide remains 2082.11, this is a significantly different allocation of the total than previously reported, and I have requested further information relating to these figures. I'll keep the Senate informed as soon as I have more to report on this.

Chancellor's Forums: Much of this current week has been devoted to the hiring of the new Chancellor. Three candidates have visited Mission College this week, with one final candidate coming next Tuesday. I was invited to assist in giving tours of the campus to the finalists, and of course I attended each of the forums in TAV 130. I have also put out feelers to some of my contacts around the state for information on our various candidates, as I suspect many others have, and am giving my input to the process based on what I have found out as well as on what I have heard in the forums.

SHARED GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MEETINGS

As usual, please remember that these are only my notes. For more complete information, please consult the minutes of the meetings or contact the chair of the committee.

DIVISION CHAIRS COUNCIL, 4/28/08

- I was unable to attend this week due to a joint meeting of my department with our counterparts at West Valley.

COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND BUDGET, 4/29/08

- Arlene Atondo reported that a workable process already exists for opening new sections of wait-listed classes, but it depends on notification from the department or division chair of the need to open a section. It was the consensus of those present that there was a need for division and department chairs to have as much information as possible on the process to monitor waitlists and determine when to open new sections of courses. This process cannot be left until right before Fall, as many wait-listed students will leave sooner than that thinking that they won't get into the sections they want. It must begin now, since there are already sections with significant waitlists. Ed Kleppinger and I are working with the Office of Instruction on strategies to improve our response to this situation.

GAP, 4/30/08

- The draft report of the accreditation team has been received for review by Harriett, and she is checking it for errors of fact. Recommendations are still supposed to be confidential. Her response must be returned by Friday 5/2.
- The rest of this week's meeting was spent prioritizing budget requests falling into the "Big Ticket Items" and "Strategic Directions" categories of the college budget allocation model. The prioritized lists were sent to CBAC.

CBAC, 4/30/08

- All the prioritized lists of budget requests were reviewed and accepted by CBAC, although those from President's Council were referred due to questions about whether they had actually been reviewed and ranked.
- "Last Resort" monies for the current year (07/08) have been fully expended.