

Academic Senate Council Minutes – Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2011 -- 2:30-4:00 p.m. in **Admin 138**

STANDING MEMBERS						Guests
POSITION	NAME	PRESENT	POSITION	NAME	PRESENT	Welcome! Please sign in. M.Rees R.Hopkins C.Barnett
ASC Pres	Riley Dwyer	X	Visual & Applied Arts	Cynthia Minet		
ASC V.P.	Nenagh Brown		Health Sciences	Dalila Sankaran	X	
ASC Secretary	Lisa Putnam	X	History/Institutions	Patty Colman Rex Edwards	RE	
ASC Treasurer	Kathryn Adams	X	Library	Mary LaBarge	X	
ACCESS	Melanie Masters	X	Life Sciences	Jazmir Hernandez	X	
Athletics	Howard Davis	X	Mathematics	Phil Abramoff	X	
Behavioral Sciences	Linda McDill	X	Modern Languages	Raquel Olivera		
Business	Stephanie Branca	X	Digital Media Arts	Svetlana Kasalovic	X	
Chemistry/ Earth Sciences	Deanna Franke	X	Music/ Dance	James Song Nathan Bowen	NB	
Child Development	Kristi Almeida	X	Health Education/Kinesiology	Jeff Kreil		
Counseling	Chuck Brinkman		Physics/ Astronomy	Clint Harper		
Computer Info Systems	Mary Mills		Student Health Center	Sharon Manakas	X	
Computer Sci/ CNSE	Christine Aguilera	X	Theater Arts/ Communications	John Loprieno	X	
English/ ESL	Sydney Sims	X				
EATM	Cindy Wilson	X	<i>Student Liaison</i>			

Quick Recap:

Topic	Discussion/Comments	Action
Review and revise AP 4021: Program Discontinuance	Reviewed the language and intent of the AP; made suggestions for improvement and clarification	

2:30 pm—Call to Order

I. Public Comments :

None.

II. Unfinished Business

I. Program Discontinuance and Consolidation: AP 4021 (Handout)

Review of the AP 4021 language and intent. The group made suggestions for improvement to: (1) the flow of the process (the listing of the steps to be followed); (2) language used; (3) clarification of meaning and intent. Attached are the recommended changes to this document.

III. New Business

- Rules
(Tabled)

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Paragraph at end of Block II:

Current language:

In addition to considerations regarding program vibrancy and viability, programs may be identified for possible discontinuance in the event that the projected district operating reserves for a fiscal year fall below 6 percent, thereby necessitating consideration of programmatic reductions.

Suggestions:

- Move this paragraph to end of Block I, following the four courses of action (this paragraph should remain a paragraph; it should not become a fifth course of action).
- Define/clarify “projected district operating reserves.”
- Clarify the reason for “6 percent” as the trigger.

1st Paragraph of Block II:

Suggested language:

Each college will form a **standing** recommendation group ~~comprised of three faculty members and two deans~~ to examine programs for possible remediation or discontinuance. Alternatively, colleges may choose to assign this task to an existing standing committee. **The recommendation group will have minimum 2/3 faculty representation, as appointed by the Academic Senate.**

Motions related to the development of the above paragraph:

- 1) Move to vote on whether or not we should propose either “majority” or “2/3” faculty representation.
 - Majority representation = 6 deans max / 7 faculty minimum – 3 in favor / 17 opposed / 0 abstentions
 - 2/3 representation = 6 deans max / 12 faculty minimum -- 15 in favor / 2 opposed / 3 abstentions2/3 representation Passes
- 2) Move that our language reflect the recommendation group as a standing committee (one that is not Brown Acted but lives year-after-year; it is not part of the governing structure, per say – this standing committee would fall under the Academic Senate)
 - In favor: 11
 - Opposed: 2
 - Abstained: 2Motion carries.
- 3) Move to approve block #2 with its current amendments.
Motion carries.

Block IV

Suggested edit:

~~Upon receiving notification of the recommendations of the Executive Vice President concerning possible program discontinuance, the Academic Senate shall review and analyze the recommendations and supporting documentation and take one of the following actions:~~

- ~~1) Concur with the recommendations of the Executive Vice President; or~~
- ~~2) Demur with the recommendations of the Executive Vice President and propose an alternative course of action.~~

After reviewing and analyzing the recommendations and the supporting documentation of the Executive Vice President concerning possible program discontinuance, the Academic Senate shall respond with a justification of its agreement or disagreement.

Motions related to the development of the above paragraph:

- 1) Move to approve block #4 as amended.
Motion carries unanimously (15 votes)

Block VII

Suggested edit: Make Board of Trustee plural.

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Block I

Suggested edit: Remove all the “etc.”