

**Mesa Community College
2009 Faculty Senate
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 20th, 2009**

Members Present: Keith Anderson, Donna Benson, George Cole, Diane Dietz, Jeanne Dugan, Puvana Ganesan, Delaine Gilcrease, John Griffith, Keith Heffner, Sally Kroelinger, Charles Lewis, Jeff Messer, Bruce Peterson, Janice Reilly, Linda Speranza, Phil Waclawski, Michael Wintz

Members Absent: Harold Cranswick

Guest

Dr. Mike Sims presented a draft composition for the new Technology Steering Committee, a result of the IT Audit conducted by Don Sutton last year. The composition and scope of the TSC was discussed.

I. General

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.**
- B. The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.**
- C. Approval of minutes was postponed until the Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 meeting.**

II. Old Business

- A. The proposed 2009 – 2010 Faculty Senate budget was approved as presented with two additions: \$200.00 in income from the Faculty Foundation and \$200.00 in expense for a student scholarship.**

III. New Business

- A. Linda Speranza was introduced as the Senator for Zone 6 for the 2009-2010 year. This zone senator position is up for re-election at the end of the year.**
- B. A Faculty Charities-funded Student Scholarship was discussed and agreement was secured to form a scholarship committee consisting of Bruce Peterson, Janice Reilly, and Michael Wintz. The Scholarship will be discussed again at the next meeting of the Senate.**
- C. The MCC Women's Studies Program was discussed and multiple concerns were articulated concerning both an apparent lack of support for the program and a lack of understanding of the specific scope of necessary faculty commitment to oversee the program. Agreement was secured that President Griffith would pursue the matter directly with Dr. Pan and Dr. Mabry.**

- D. Purchase of a laptop / netbook for the Senate Recording Secretary was discussed. Agreement was secured to pursue economical purchase of a laptop / netbook with a maximum approved expenditure of \$1,000.00**
- E. College Plan – The version of the College Plan, as it existed at the end of the Spring 2009 semester, will be forwarded to John for one last round of feedback from all faculty. The Senate will then be asked to ratify the College Plan with the section related to Assistant Dept Chairs (called Campus Division Directors in the document) removed.**
- F. Guests to Senate Meetings – The reason for having guests to Senate and length of time was discussed. It was decided that there will be time allotted for a maximum of 2 guests to a Senate meeting with each guest allotted 10 minutes for presentation to the Senate followed by 5 minutes of discussion/Q&A. It was decided that guests to Senate should have something they wish the Senate to discuss, debate, or decide on. Information only items can be sent to the Senate via email. Guests to Senate will be asked to send information that would be handed to the Senate during a presentation to the President of the Senate prior to the Senate meeting. The President of the Senate will then forward that information to the rest of the Senate prior to the meeting so that Senators may come to the meeting as informed as possible.**
- G. Order for Future Senate Agendas – It was decided to keep the section for guests during the first portion of the meeting.**
- H. Faculty Senate Representative to Technology Steering Committee (TSC) – It was agreed that a Faculty Senate Representative to the committee will be determined in the near future.**

IV. Discussion

- A. Senate Committees – The distinction between Senate and College committees was discussed. It was also pointed out that some Senate committees were listed as “not meeting” on the Committee list distributed by the College.**

V. Reports

- A. President’s Report –Faculty Senators were charged with the responsibility of communicating regularly and frequently with constituents. In addition, the existence of an MCCCDC Governing Board Blog was noted and the corresponding steps necessary to access the blog via computer were demonstrated.**
- B. President Elect’s Report –**
- C. Recording Secretary’s Report – No report.**
- D. Business Secretary’s Report – No report.**
- E. Senate Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Waclawski indicated that he would share a budget report at the Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting.**
- F. Past-President’s Report –**
- G. Department Chair Association (DCA) Liaison Report – DCA liaison Linda Collins noted that the next DCA meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31st, 2009. A**

primary goal of the August 31st, 2009 meeting is to generate three (3) DCA initiatives to pursue during the Fall 2009 semester.

H. Senate Committee Reports –

I. Zone and At-Large Reports and Significant Happenings / Issues

- a. One senator asked about the maximum load that an adjunct could teach for the college. Discussion followed that adjuncts are allowed to teach up to 10.8 credits without having to request an overload from the VPAA's office.**
- b. The issue of faculty compensation for internship classes was discussed. Among the questions raised were (1) when are faculty paid for these courses, (2) what happens to compensation if a student drops the internship class and (3) is this policy documented anywhere?**
- c. The key policy was briefly discussed. In addition to the library being open on Sundays, there are programs with offerings on campus on Sundays.**
- d. There is an issue in a department related to compensation as a result of faculty teaching part of their regular load prior to the start of Faculty Accountability. The faculty in these situations are being told that even though the duties are a part of their load, they must be compensated at the adjunct rate for the dates that fall outside of the Accountability period.**

VI. Announcements / Good Of The Order

VII. Adjournment