

Clark College AHE Senate Minutes

October 19th, 2009

3:30-5:00

Cannell Library, Cannell Room

Members Present: Rita Carey, Carlos Castro’s proxy held by Steve Walsh, Dave Duback, Anita Fisher, Don Gonser, Izad Khormae, Nathan Lazar, Julian Nelson’s proxy held by Rita Carey, Nancy Novak, Marcia Roi, Nancy Sheppard, Kimberly Sullivan, Susan Torres, Judy Van Patten, Steve Walsh, Jim Wilkins-Luton

Members Absent: Gene Johnson, Carson Legree, Otto Schlumpf

Others Present:

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| Agenda, Minutes | The 10/5/09 minutes were approved with corrections. The agenda was approved as presented. | |
| Announcements | <p>Susan Torres asked about open committees and adjunct membership. Susan also expressed concern that multi-term contracts have been revoked in Basic Skills and not in other areas. Marcia said AHE could ask for the minutes of the meeting where the decision was made to limit ABE/ESL contracts.</p> <p>Nancy Sheppard asked about progress toward shared governance and discussion followed.</p> <p>Marcia Roi made an announcement about a proposed change before Curriculum Committee concerning the way private lessons are contracted in the Music Department. Marcia said this is a bargaining issue and should be negotiated. The college wants to lower the credit cap to 1 and change the way instructors are paid.</p> <p>Steve Walsh left the Senate meeting to attend a BOT (Board of Trustees) work session.</p> | |
| Work Session, Board of Trustees (BOT) | Marcia said the covering of BOT work sessions should be a Senate priority. She encouraged Senators to take issues directly to BOT meetings. Anita | Marcia will make a sign-up sheet. |

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| Coverage | suggested moving Senate meetings from the 1 st and 3 rd Mondays to the 2 nd and 4 th Mondays to allow Senators to attend BOT meetings. | |
| Senate Membership in BTEC, HS | Gene Johnson won't be able to attend Senate meetings because of scheduled classes. Other unit do not have current Senate representation. | Don Gonser will check with BTEC and Nancy Sheppard will check with HS for those interested in serving on the Senate. |
| Membership Meeting & Balloting October 27 th | There will be a VEBA and general membership meeting on the 27 th at 3:00: issues with scheduling and the revoking of multi-term contracts in ESL and scheduling issues in Counseling will be discussed. Marcia described what she calls <i>The New Reality</i> and said AHE needs to focus its energies on organizing efforts. | |
| Fall Membership Contest | Steve Walsh is organizing a membership drive. AHE isn't allowed to give cash prizes, so the winner will tell Steve what kind of card he or she wants (Amazon, Powell's, etc.). | |
| Executive Session/Grievances | The Senate entered executive session to discuss grievance issues. | |
| Bob Knight Visit | The Senate returned to regular session to discuss Bob Knight's visit. Several members asked that President Knight come to the Senate with suggestions as to how the relationship between the AHE and the Administration might be improved. | |
| Political Action Committee | There are two new people on the PAC. The PAC is considering inviting Deb Wallace to speak to the Senate to discuss equal bargaining rights. A discussion of inviting other legislators followed. | |
| Website Suggestions | Izad asked Senators for input and feedback for the new AHE website. | Senators should email Izad with suggestions for the new website. |
| Adjourn | The Senate adjourned at 5:00. | |