CSM ACADEMIC SENATE GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES
May 8, 2012
2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
President James Carranza
Vice President David Laderman
Treasurer Rosemary Nurre
Secretary Lee Miller
Business/Technology Darryl Dorsett
Business/Technology Lilya Vorobey
Creative Arts/Social Science Jim Robertson
Language Arts Teeka James
Language Arts Tim Maxwell
Math/Science Tania Beliz
Math/Science Kathy Diamond
Physical Education/Athletics Larry Owens
Student Services Kevin Sinarle
Library Teresa Morris

MEMBERS ABSENT
None

NONVOTING REPRESENTATIVES
David Locke, Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee Chair
Teresa Morris, Committee on Instruction Chair

OTHERS ATTENDING
Kate Deline, Chemistry

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda:
Discussion Item #1 was corrected to refer to ASGC Resolutions 3 and 4.

Agenda approved as amended, without objection.

Minutes:
The following corrections were made to the 4/24/2012 minutes:
- Lilya Vorobey was present.
- President’s Report on Budget Planning Committee/Reassigned Time Update, third paragraph, was changed to read:
  Terry Kessler noted that the numbers on the spreadsheet don’t add up correctly in the horizontal direction. This sparked a
series of comments questioning the accuracy of the data and the ability of ASGC to make informed decisions.

- Discussion Items #1, SLO Draft Resolutions, paragraph 7, was changed to read:
  Rosemary Nurre disagreed with this position, arguing that we may be on a slippery slope. She asked what ACCJC is going to require next from faculty. Are we setting ourselves up to be continually told to report on the latest “hot” issues as determined by our accrediting agency?

2/28/2012 minutes, which had been tabled, approved without objection.

II. Information Items

1. ASCSM Update: none given

2. President’s Report: James Carranza

   (a) Welcome New Representatives
   1. Kate Deline, Math/Science (successor to Tania Beliz)
   2. Amy Sobel, Language Arts (successor to Teeka James)
   3. Kathy Sammut, Student Services (successor to Jackie Gamelin)

   (b) Tellers Committee Report: Election of Officers
   Teresa Morris reported that all incumbent officers were re-elected:
   - James Carranza, President
   - David Laderman, Vice President
   - Rosemary Nurre, Treasurer
   - Lee Miller, Secretary

   (c) AS Bylaws Revisions
   Web-based balloting scheduled for May 14, noon to May 17, 5:00 pm

   (d) Update: Program Review Revision, Faculty Focus Group
   A focus group on how to update program review forms provided lots of useful comments. Revised program review forms will be available for faculty review comments in fall.

   Teeka James said that colleges whose accreditation was renewed this year often conduct administrative program reviews (i.e. president’s office, vice president’s office, etc.), in addition to instructional
program reviews. Teeka suggested that CSM conduct administrative program reviews.

James Carranza suggested that we add to the program review forms a section where you can make requests for new staff positions, professional development and facilities. The next meeting of the IPC will discuss how to better integrate program review into institutional planning.

(e) Flex Days and Spring Reception
Kate Deline suggested getting rid of mid-year flex days.

Teeka James said that Flex Days are an item negotiated by the union. Faculty should speak to their union representatives if they want to change the number of flex days.

Teresa Morris mentioned a proposal that district-wide department meeting (members of same department at all 3 colleges) be scheduled on Opening Day Flex day.

James Carranza reported that the organizers ran out of time to plan spring transfer reception. In fall semester, we will revisit the idea of a spring transfer reception.

3. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Basic Skills Initiative: James Carranza, Co-Chair
There will be a Summer Bridge Academy. Peer mentoring will start in fall semester. Descriptions of BSI and SOTL professional development coordinator positions will be drafted over the summer; the selection process will begin in fall semester.

(b) College Assessment: David Locke, Chair
Nothing to report because the committee didn’t meet.

(c) Committee on Instruction: Teresa Morris, Chair
No report.

(d) Library Advisory Committee: Rosemary Nurre, Representative
Nothing to report because the committee didn’t meet. Rosemary will be leaving the committee and ASGC will need to appoint a replacement.

III: Action Items
1. **Resolution 1:** David Locke  
Approved without objection.

2. **Resolution 2:** David Locke  
Approved. 10 in favor, 1 opposed.

James Carranza will post on the ASGC website Resolutions 1 & 2, as approved.

**IV. Discussion Items**

1. **ASGC Resolutions 3 & 4:** David Locke

   **Resolution 3**  
   Teeka James suggested that the resolution specify that any changes to the evaluation process should be made through the local bargaining unit.

   Several speakers expressed concern about faculty being punished for not attaining SLOs. Tania Beliz said that student attainment of SLOs is beyond faculty control; therefore, attainment of SLOs should not be part of faculty evaluation process.

   **Resolution 4**  
   Teeka James suggested that another “whereas” be added, making reference to the Memorandum of Understanding between AFT and the District.

   Resolutions 3 & 4 will be placed on the agenda as discussion items for the next ASGC meeting.

2. **Honors Program:** David Laderman & Tim Maxwell

   James Carranza shared a list of comments and suggestions that came out of the discussion of the Honors Program on Flex Day.

   Tim Maxwell said that a large number of students are interested in joining the Honors program. The committee has reached out to many faculty and administrators, clubs and organizations on campus. Students in the honors program will have opportunities to do independent work with support from faculty.

   David Laderman and Tim Maxwell will coordinate the program for the pilot year. A new coordinator and new instructors for the seminars will be selected for the following year.
3. Consolidation of Library Advisory Committee (LAC), ad hoc Learning Center Consultation Group, and Centers Coordination Group

Discussion focused on how complicated this would be. Teresa Morris suggested that it will be complicated to integrate newer groups like the learning centers with more established ones the library. Teeka James pointed out that the library is the only group that is coordinated with an off-campus organization (Peninsula Library System). James Carranza suggested that the library might retain its own, separate, committee.

4. AA Transfer Degree

Lee Miller repeated the remarks he made during the 4/24 ASGC meeting. Lee indicated that the Political Science Department had drafted an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) degree, at the request of CASS Dean Kevin Henson and VPI Susan Estes, but the proposal was derailed by an issue concerning students who have taken political science courses no longer offered at CSM. Dean Henson has significantly pared down the curriculum offered by the political science department, over the objections of faculty. Political science faculty insist that courses no longer offered at CSM must count toward the AA-T degree for students who have already taken them. VPI Estes, Dean Henson, and Dean of Counseling Ramezane responded that they would not put such a policy in writing. At the request of VPI Estes, the political science department withdrew from consideration by COI plans for an AA-T degree in political science until this impasse is resolved. Lee indicated that political science faculty members are concerned that the administration is encroaching on faculty purview concerning curriculum.

Teresa Morris said that the Committee on Instruction doesn’t want to get in the middle of a dispute between the deans’ power over scheduling and faculty power over curriculum.

The issue will be placed on the agenda as a discussion item for the next ASGC meeting.