

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes (11/3 12:10PM) in 451A

In attendance: Pieter de Haan, President; Hannah Chauvet, Vice-president; Joshua Boatright; Jenny Lowood; Chuck Wollenberg; Barbara DesRochers; Val Djukich; Shirley Fogarino; Siraj Omar; Katherine Kocel; Stephanie Sanders-Badt

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Pieter de Haan.
2. **Chancellor selection Forum:** The last AS meeting produced a motion that there are forums for the chancellor candidates at each of the four colleges. The PCCD informed the college communities that there will be two forums: one at the PCCD board room and the other at BCC. The PFT put forth a suggestion that there be a forum at each college campus; that the Chancellor Selection process slow down; that the selection committee make site visits to the home campuses of each candidate. The AS suggested that at the BCC forum each candidate is interviewed separately and that the forum be 3 hours instead of two, allowing for one hour per each candidate. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Pieter will contact PCCD Board President Abel Guillien with the following: **Thank you for setting a forum at BCC; each college should have a forum; we wish to talk to each candidate separately, hence the forum should be 3 hours instead of two as previously announced.**
3. **Laney's latest resolution on Budget Cuts:** See p2, as well as p3 draft of BCC's resolution. A lengthy discussion ensued...including comments relating to "centralization" vs. "de-centralization" and impact on accreditation; comparison of PCCD administration to that of other multi-college districts in California; it was decided that our draft should be re-written – eliminating the mentioning of all other districts other than LACCD and Coast CCD. It was further decided that we need to "crunch more numbers" in order to be accurate as well as including impact of budget on accreditation. There was more discussion regarding differentiation of functions: those which are college functions as opposed to district/administrators/vice-chancellor functions. It was reiterated that our resolution must be tied to accreditation. There was a suggestion that Laney cut their resolution down and there was an additional suggestion that the DAS put forward one resolution that speaks for all four colleges...Pieter will report to the DAS that BCC does not agree with Laney's resolution and that our position/resolution must stand.
4. **Budget allocations by other districts**
5. **DAS report:** Pieter gave a brief summary
6. **Assessment report:** brief summary given
7. **Adjournment** at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Sanders-Badt
Academic Senate Secretary

Laney's Resolution on Budget Cuts

Whereas, the Peralta Community College District administration has asked the Peralta colleges to cut up to 350 sections from the Spring 2011 schedule, and

Whereas, the colleges of the Peralta Community College District were previously required to cut 303 sections between Fall 2009 and Fall 2010 semesters, and

Whereas, student and instructional support services (including counseling hours, library hours and tutoring services) have been significantly reduced in an effort to cuts costs, and

Whereas, the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees has specifically requested that budget cuts take place as far away from the classroom as possible, and

Whereas, in the last two years, district administrators have taken no leadership in finding ways to reduce administrative costs and received up to a 16% unilateral salary increase, and

Whereas, since July 2010, the Peralta Community College District administration has hired new vice chancellor/associate vice chancellor positions (student services, governmental affairs, educational services) without following an open hiring process, and

Whereas, since July 2010, the Peralta Community College District administration, using general funds, hired a director of the Peralta Foundation with a \$100,000 annual budget, and

Whereas, in the last two years, with the exception of one college, there have been no reductions in administrative staffs at the college level and there have been increases in administrative staffs at the district level ; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Laney College Faculty Senate requests that the district and college budget advisory committees recommend ways to reduce spending on administrative offices, and

Be it further resolved, that the Laney College Faculty Senate requests that the district and college budget advisory committees consider the consolidation and sharing of administrative positions between colleges and across the district as a way to reduce administrative costs, and

Be it further resolved, that the Laney College Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor provide a written explanation of the justification for hiring three high-level administrative positions without following the recommendation of the district budget committee or using an open hiring process as stipulated by board policy.

RESOLUTION (DRAFT):

Be it resolved that we, the members of the Berkeley City College Faculty Senate, request a public presentation at the next official meeting of the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees of the study which compares total Peralta Community College District Office budget percentages and expenditures with those of similar sized multi-campus districts in California, as well as plans for reducing the scope of District Office spending, to bring it in line with other California community college multi-campus districts.

We urge the Peralta Community College District Office to emulate and follow best practices of successful decentralization efforts at districts such as Coast Community College District and the Los Angeles Community Moved by Dr. Charles Wollenberg and seconded by Dr. Hannah Chauvet.

We also strongly recommend that, in addition to best practices, pertinent ACCJC/WASC accreditation standards be consulted and strictly followed when defining functions which should be designated as belonging to accredited, independent colleges and those which should be designated as district responsibilities in multicampus districts.