

## **Taft College Academic Senate Minutes**

Monday, Dec. 5, 2016

Cougar Conference Room

**Members Present:** Vice President Vicki Jacobi, Amar Abbott, Jennifer Altenhofel, Kanoe Bandy, Wendy Berry, Adam Bledsoe, Joe'll Chaidez, Chris Chung-Wee, Bill Devine, Chris Flachmann, Tori Furman, Shelley Getty, Greg Golling, Lourdes Gonzalez, Gary Graupman, Dan Hall, Abbas Jarrahan, Brian Jean, Diane Jones, Danielle Kerr, John Kopp, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, David Layne, Julian Martinez, Mariza Martinez, Janis Mendenhall, Tina Mendoza, David Mitchell, Michelle Oja, Ruby Payne, Joy Reynolds, Debora Rodenhauser, Becky Roth, Terri Smith, Tony Thompson, Don Thornsberry, and Vicky Waugh.

Guest: Tony Cordova

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM.

### **Public Commentary**

None

### **Review of Oct. 3, 2016 Senate Minutes**

- At the last senate meeting, Diane Jones made the motion to accept the October minutes.
- Diane Jones made a motion to accept the November minutes with the corrections specified. Kelly Kulzer-Reyes seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Commentary on Electronic Committee Updates**

- None

### **Incarcerated Students Update – Flachmann**

- The long-term status of the TCI prison facility is still not known at this time.
- The MCCF prison outreach is new to the college.
- Since Prop. 57 passed, there is a lot of interest among the inmates to sign up for college classes.
- Right now, we are using Correspondence Education to bring our classes to both TCI and MCCF students. A new model for delivering higher education options to incarcerated students is using a hybrid format where faculty teach part of the course inside the prison facility.
- Chris Flachmann will be working with the Faculty Association to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for faculty who voluntarily opt to teach incarcerated sections of courses in the hybrid format.
- TCI requires that guests (our faculty in this case) go through training before being allowed to enter the facility on a regular basis. MCCF does not require training, but they do require that our instructors be escorted and accompanied while in the classroom.

### **Professional Development Plan – Roth**

- Becky Roth reported that there is a new Professional Development Committee charter and a new Professional Development Plan.
- There is a new Professional Development Activity Proposal form to use for proposed professional development events. This is a proposal form, not an approval form. If you have any questions or comments about the potential PD events or the use of this form, share them with your division chair, or with one of the three chairs of the PD committee, or with anyone on the PD committee

### **Strong Workforce Funding Application – Furman**

- Tori Furman would like to assemble a taskforce of CTE faculty, and non-CTE faculty, to review the Strong Workforce (SWF) grant application. Becky Roth motioned to form the CTE faculty taskforce for the purpose of reviewing and providing input to the CTE plan/grant. Michelle Oja seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Jennifer Altenhofel motioned to create a CTE subcommittee of the AS. Don Thornsberry seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - Faculty who volunteered to serve on this newly formed CTE taskforce included Don, Becky, and Vicki Jacobi.

### **Resolution Supporting CCAP: Welding (First Reading) – Dyer**

- David Layne made the motion to accept the first reading of the one-year Welding CCAP agreement with TUHS during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters with the correction of adding the word “to” (“...in an effort **to** provide...”) in the first “Resolved”. Tori seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Resolution Recommending Revitalization of Joint Dual Enrollment Committee – Dyer**

- Michelle Oja moved to accept the first reading of the Joint Dual Enrollment committee. Tori seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Resolution Endorsing Development of Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Planning Grant - Jacobi**

- The Z-Degree Planning grant designates up to \$35K to use to fund the cost of investigating the feasibility of offering a Z-Degree (Zero or low-cost textbook costs for students of an entire program).
- Our college has a history of trying to reduce the costs of textbooks for our students. We were one of the first colleges to give students the option to rent textbooks.
- The proposed budget of the planning grant would direct funds to cover the cost of the time and expenses that our faculty would incur while investigating the feasibility of applying for the full Z-Degree grant.
- Diane mentioned that some of the pitfalls of this planning grant would be that the district may not wish to use the funds to pay for faculty stipends. Also, the implementation of a Z-degree would impact a lot of other programs.
- Since the planning grant is due on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, there is an urgency to this proposal. Bill Devine motioned to bypass normal procedures in order to expedite the reading and approval of this resolution. The motion carried. Diane Jones, Tony Thompson, and Brian Jean voted “No”.
- David Layne moved to approve the resolution. Kelly Kulzer-Reyes seconded and the motion carried. Joy Reynolds, Diane Jones, David Mitchell, Brian Jean, Tony Thompson, Amar Abbott, Shelly Getty, Mariza Martinez, Ruby Payne, and Wendy Berry voted “No”.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM. Respectfully submitted by Dan Hall