

District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC)
February 4, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Co-Chair Diana Bennett, Co-Chair Harry Joel, Peter Bruni, David Clay, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Bailey Girard, Tony Gulli, Teeka James, Charles Jones, Paige Kupperberg, Therese Salazar, Stephanie Samuelsen, Leigh Anne Shaw, Janet Stringer

Members Absent: Alaa Aissi, James Carranza, John Mosby, Jose Luis Sanchez

Others Present: Barbara Christensen, Ginny Brooks

The meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2012

It was moved by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Salazar to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting. The motion carried, with one abstention and all Council members present voting “Aye.”

Statements from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

Board Policies

The following policies were presented for first reading:

Policy 6.33, Copyrighted Materials

Barbara Christensen noted that there are no changes to this policy, which is legally required, other than just adding the Education Code references. DPGC members will share this policy with their constituencies and bring back comments, if any.

Policy 8.14, Bond Oversight Committee

Ms. Christensen reported that Bond Measure C has been fully expended therefore there are two changes that are needed for this policy; the Bond Oversight Committee is only for Bond Measure A and are to meet at least semi-annually rather than quarterly. Professor Shaw asked for clarification of what “at least semi-annually” means. Ms. Christensen responded the committee will meet at least twice a year and schedule other meetings within the fiscal year, if needed. DPGC members will share this policy with their constituencies and bring back comments, if any.

The following policies were presented for continued consideration rather than approval:

Policy 2.19, Nondiscrimination

Ms. Christensen noted that there are no changes to this policy, which is legally required, other than just adding the Education Code references. DPGC members will share this policy with their constituencies and bring back comments, if any.

Policy 2.34, Computer and Network Use

Co-chair Joel stated this policy will not be reviewed today because AFT has to complete more research on the subject; it will be brought to a future meeting for further discussion.

Policy 2.60, Resignations

Ms. Christensen noted this policy had been previously approved and then subsequently pulled by AFT. After further review, AFT has requested to add the text in blue. This is the only change from what had been approved in September of 2009. DPGC members will share this policy with their constituencies and bring back comments, if any.

Policy 6.35, Academic Freedom

Ms. Christensen noted this policy was pulled by AFT for negotiation. Ms. Christensen provided background information about this policy; back in 1992 a committee of faculty and administrators drafted a statement of Academic Freedom. This same statement has been printed in all three college catalogs since 1994, as legally required for accreditation purposes. The District reached agreement with AFT to adopt what has been formulated in 1993 and it will be added to Rules and Regulations as District policy. If DAS decides to update the statement in the future, it will come back as a change to the policy. Co-chair Joel noted that AFT would like to add under bullet 4 following the words "First Amendment rights" the words "under the California and U.S. constitutions." Ms. Christensen requested council members to take back to their constituents the corrected version, with added text in blue, which she will send to council members and bring back comments, if any.

Closing Remarks/Agenda Building

Ms. Christensen noted that if any of the council members receive any feedback on any of these outstanding rules and regulations from their constituents, to please contact her to let her know.

Professor James asked what other business this council has other than review of Rules and Regulations. Professor Shaw asked if this group would be discussing the issue of "shared governance" and "participatory governance," which is currently occurring at all three colleges. Co-chair Bennett noted that the council had previously discussed this topic in prior meetings when the issue was brought up by a council member and when Co-chair Bennett provided an informational only update. Many council members are still confused as to what is driving this change. Co-chair Bennett requested this item to be added to next month's agenda and she also requested each council member to review their college's "participatory governance" manual so that feedback can be given at the next meeting. Co-chair Bennett also requested to add "Review Committee's Mission" to next month's meeting agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2.46 p.m.