

District Shared Governance Council (DSGC)
October 1, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: Co-Chair Diana Bennett, Co-Chair Harry Joel, Peter Bruni, David Laderman (for James Carranza), David Clay, Bailey Girard, Teeka James, Paige Kupperberg, Linda Martinez, Lexie Munevar, Therese Salazar, Stephanie Samuelsen, Jose Sanchez, Leigh Anne Shaw, Janet Stringer

Members Absent: Tony Gulli, Charles Jones

Others Present: Barbara Christensen, Ginny Brooks

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2012

It was moved by Ms. Shaw and seconded by Ms. Samuelsen to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting. The motion carried, with four abstentions and the remainder of Council members voting "Aye."

Statements from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

Board Policies

The following policies were presented for approval and generated no discussion; polling resulted in all members at the (a) level ("I support the recommendation completely") and the recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for action:

Policy 2.02, Chancellor of the District
Policy 2.34, Computer and Network Use
Policy 6.01, Philosophy and Purpose
Policy 7.41, Disabled Students Programs and Services
Policy 7.43, Financial Aid Programs
Policy 8.33, Auxiliary Services
Policy 8.40, Risk Management
Policy 8.47, Study/Travel Tours
Policy 8.55, Conference Attendance and Travel

The following policies were presented for approval and generated further discussion:

Policy 2.28, Safety; Injury and Illness Prevention Program:

Professor James asked about the status of the previous recommendation to change the language in item #5. Ms. Christensen will follow-up with legal counsel to ask the more specific question to address which wording is correct. Council members agreed to change the word "require" to "encourage" if it is not legally required. Vice Chancellor Joel will report back to the Council if it is required, what such requirement is.

The following policy was presented for information only:

Policy 6.22, Academic Renewal

Co-Chair Bennett informed the Council that the Academic Renewal policy, which is under the District Academic Senate review, was approved on May 14, 2012. Professor James asked for clarification of the following wording in item #1; "student's demonstrated ability". Professor Stringer explained that this policy outlines the criteria for the Academic Renewal process. A student has the option to exclude substandard grades, from previous semesters not reflective of their current academic performance, from the calculation of their GPA.

+/- Grading

Co-Chair Bennett said that the District Academic Senate is currently in the process of reviewing data and the possible recommendation to the Board to change to +/- grading. The local senates have been informed and feedback has been received. In addition, a faculty vote was completed during the spring to see what the general faculty population's stance was in the issue to help make a decision whether the District Academic Senate will make a recommendation to the Board or not. Co-chair Bennett also met with the CSM Associated Student Senate to present this information. However, formal recommendation cannot be completed until the Cañada and Skyline Associated Student Senates are addressed with this information. Co-chair Bennett has requested for Student Trustee Girard to put this item on the next agenda for the Associated Student Academic Senate meetings at Cañada and Skyline. Once these meetings occur, the District Academic Senate will be making a final recommendation to the Board.

Closing Remarks

Professor Shaw stated that the Skyline Academic Senate is in the process of reviewing the faculty selection guidelines/procedures which should be coming before this council soon.

Statements from Council Members/Agenda Building

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:42 p.m.