District Shared Governance Council (DSGC) November 5, 2012 Minutes

Members Present: Co-Chair Diana Bennett, Co-Chair Harry Joel, David Laderman, David Clay, Kathy

Fitzpatrick, Teeka James, Charles Jones, Paige Kupperberg, Linda Martinez, Therese

Salazar, Jose Sanchez, Leigh Anne Shaw, Janet Stringer

Members Absent: Peter Bruni, Bailey Girard, Tony Gulli, Stephanie Samuelsen

Others Present: Kathy Blackwood, Ginny Brooks

Co-Chair Harry Joel requested the meeting to commence with the Parking Permit Fees informational only item. Quorum had not been met at scheduled meeting start time due to late arrival of some DSGC members.

Parking Permit Fees (Informational Only)

Executive Vice Chancellor Kathy Blackwood presented the recommended parking fee changes. A fall or spring permit will cost \$50, summer permit fee \$25 and \$90 for a full academic year permit. Students who qualify for a BOG fee waiver will be able to purchase fee permits at reduced rates; fall or spring \$30, \$25 for summer, and \$60 for a full academic year permit. These changes are proposed to start next semester. However, for students who have previously purchased an academic year permit, those permits will continue to be valid.

Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood also informed that the District has received the new student fee handbook, which states the District is now allowed to increase parking permit fees by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), rather than having to wait for legislation to change the maximum allowed amount. The same process is used with the health fee, which has been increasing about a \$1 every third year by the rate of inflation as set by the CPI.

Co-chair Bennett asked if the District's parking permit fees are similar to other colleges. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood stated that this increase would bring parking permit fees up to the maximum amount allowed. These fees are used to cover the costs of maintaining the parking lots and keeping them safe. Mr. Sanchez commented that some students had some concerns about why some users are not required to buy permits, such as bikes. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood responded by stating that the law prohibits to requests fees from these types of users.

Ms. Salazar commented that there is construction happening and that students think they are paying more because parking stalls are being reduced. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood responded that some construction projects do require that a parking lot be taken offline for a staging area or for safety reasons, though this was not the reason for the increases. Ms. Martinez asked why the summer parking permits are the same price for both regular and BOG waiver students. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood responded that this was due to the minimal amount of time in the summer term. She also added that the good news is if students order their permits online, the District will absorb the convenience fee, rather than the student having to pay it. The proposal is scheduled to be approved by the Board next week on November 14th. Once approved, the permits will begin to be sold on November 16th.

Ms. Kupperberg asked when discussions started to in increase the parking permit fees. Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood stated discussions started internally in early spring and the District was able to take this item to the students in the fall. Currently the District is losing money as they subsidize the parking fund. In addition, over 50% of students qualify for the BOG and so these students have reduced parking permit rates. Several members suggested that the cost of a parking permit versus the daily rate and parking ticket fines be mapped out to inform students. Several faculty members also suggested the District should take more ownership for communication of these important changes to the students.

Co-chair Bennett encouraged the students to work with Executive Vice Chancellor Blackwood to come up with an agreeable solution for students who have bought a permit at the lower rate. Ms. Blackwood proposed two solutions and agreed to work with the students so a definitive decision can be made at a later time.

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2012

Co-chair Harry Joel reported back on Board Policy 2.28, Safety; Injury and Illness Prevention Program, and stated that Legal Counsel had confirmed the correct term is "required" therefore, a motion to add Policy 2.28 to the agenda as an action item was requested later in the meeting. It was moved by Ms. Kupperberg and seconded by Mr. Sanchez to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting. The motion carried, with no abstentions and all Council members voting "Aye."

Statements from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

Board Policies

The following polices were presented for first reading:

Policy 2.08, District Shared Governance Process

Professor James had a question about item #2 as to who does the word "they" refer to. Review of Ed Code 51023.5 provided clarification that "they" refers to constituents involved in the shared governance process. This policy will be taken back by DSGC members to their constituents. The policy will be on the list of policies for approval at the next meeting.

Policy 6.34, KCSM TV and KCSM FM

Co-chair Joel asked that this policy be removed from consideration; it will be brought to a future meeting for first reading.

The following policies were presented for further discussion:

Policy 2.34, Computer and Network Use

Professor James moved to postpone this policy per AFT's request to negotiate the changes with the District. Ms. Kupperberg seconded. The motion carried with two abstentions, one "Nay," and the remainder of Council members voting "Aye."

Policy 8.55, Conferences and Travel

Several members questioned why the word "encouraged" rather than "required" is being used in the policy. Cochair Bennett requested the policy reference the procedures that require certain group constituents to report about their conference attendances. This policy will be taken back by DSGC members to their constituents. The policy will be on the list of policies for approval at the next meeting.

The following policy was presented for information only:

Policy 6.12, Definition of Credit Courses and 6.17 Course Repetition

Co-chair Diana Bennett reported these policies have been vetted with the District Academic Senate, local college senates and district-wide faculty members, both full-time and part-time. This was presented for information only to advise DSGC members.

The following policy was moved to be added to the agenda for approval:

2.28, Safety; Injury and Illness Prevention Program

Co-chair Bennett moved to place 2.28, Safety: Injury and Illness Prevention Program policy on today's agenda as an action item, and Professor Clay seconded the motion. The motion carried, with one abstention and the remainder of Council members voting "Aye." There was no further discussion. Polling resulted in ten members at the (a) level and three members at the (b) level and the policy will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for action.

Participatory vs. Shared Governance – For Discussion (Charles Jones)

Mr. Jones reported, on behalf of Stephanie Samuelson and Kathy Chaika (CSEA), the concerns about current changes occurring at the campus level of the use of "shared governance" to "participatory governance." Some of these changes occurred without consulting affected constituents.

Several Council members expressed concerns of some major changes happening at the campuses in regards to the shared governance committees and how decisions are being made. Co-chair Bennett commented that there seems to be confusion at the campuses regarding these changes for they are neither being clearly communicated nor do constituents know why these changes are happening.

Professor Laderman commented on what was presented at a CSM all college meeting and other local senate discussions. The original language from AB1725 is "participatory" however, the term "shared governance" has been used over the years. The College President wants to change to the use of "participatory" because "shared" is misleading. The reason is "shared" is not truly "shared," rather the process invites "participation" because ultimately decisions are made by the College Presidents and the Board. Ms. Kupperberg stated that neither term is stated in Ed Code or AB1725; the term is "governance system." The State Chancellor's Office wants the colleges to move from the term "shared" to "participatory" because it is misleading. She also added CSM is in the process of reworking their College Council and revising their Participatory Governance Handbook.

Co-chair Bennett suggested continuing this discussion at the next meeting. Co-chair Joel and she will research more information about the issue and she requested that Council members seek more information from their constituents as well. Members suggested the agenda item be renamed as "Possible Changes to Shared Governance Processes."

Closing Remarks

Professor Shaw asked for clarification of which policies where being taken back to constituents. Co-chair Bennett confirmed that policies 2.08 and 8.55 should be taken back to constituents.

Ms. Salazar announced that the CSM Student Council will be hosting a viewing of the election at CSM Building 17. Ms. Kupperberg announced that ACSM is co-sponsoring an R&B review with Rudy Ramirez on November 14 at the CSM Auditorium. Co-chair Bennett announced that KCSM is bringing back "Jazz on the Hill" on June 1st.

Statements from Council Members/Agenda Building

Professor James asked for clarification on a few agenda items. Co-chair Bennett confirmed policy 6.34; KCSM TV and KCSM FM is being deferred, 2.34; Computer and Network Use has been tabled. Future agenda items requested as information only were; Parking Permit Fees follow up report, e-Portfolios and Udacity. The following agenda item is for follow up discussion: Possible Changes to Shared Governance Process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:46 p.m.