

Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
Educational Policy Committee
Unapproved Minutes, 23 October 2010

(all) Members Present: Kevin Bontenbal, Marcy Drummond (CIO liaison), Don Gauthier, Richard Mahon (chair), Arshia Malekzadeh (SSCCC liaison), Patricia Marquez, Paul Setziol, Karolyn van Putten

The meeting began at 9:15 am

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The minutes of 18 September 2010 were approved by consensus.

Progress on Fall Plenary Breakouts

Members had a detailed discussion of each of the three breakouts the committee is organizing for the fall plenary session:

Kevin and Patricia led the committee's discussion of the "**Our Students Today**" breakout. Data prepared by Patrick Perry makes it appear that the concern that prompted the underlying resolution (that native CCC students would be driven out by CSU and UC redirects) has not come to pass, thus the breadth of the session description is good in that it allows an examination of a wider variety of issues. Dolores Davison will present a section on changes among online students. At this point it appears that campus commitments will prevent Arshia from participating though he is looking for other possible participants from the Student Senate. Marcy will also participate in this breakout. Kevin has scheduled a CCC Confer for participants

Paul led the committee's discussion of the "**Excess Units**" breakout. Richard clarified that David Morse (the author of one of the two underlying resolutions) is available and willing to help organize and present during the breakout. Significant attention will be focused on dispelling the notion that all units beyond those needed to receive a certificate or degree are best understood as "excess."

Richard led the discussion for the **Senate-Union Relations** breakout. The structure for this breakout should be relatively straightforward, as presenters can review the basic principles in the existing adopted paper (adopted Spring 1996) and then lead a discussion on issues colleges are currently facing in order to inform revision of

the 1996 paper. Don reported that he had successfully recruited longtime LACCD AFT leader Joanne Waddell to join us for the breakout.

Other Projects

Richard described the Executive committee process for writing and **revising papers** and noted how they would apply to revisions of the *Senate-Union* (1996) and *Program Discontinuance* (1998) papers. Paul noted that he would like to see the paper consider with more subtlety the relationship between program review, program revitalization, and program discontinuance.

Members agreed to review the existing versions of both papers and forward comments for ways to improve or supplement the existing papers.

Members discussed the **Part-Time Survey**, which was last administered in 2008. There was agreement that the existing questions should not be changed significantly since that would undermine the ability to establish trends over time for the integration of faculty into the academic and professional life of the college. Members agreed to review the survey and forward comments regarding new questions that might usefully be added to the survey.

Regarding the various homework projects, members agreed to get comments to Richard by early evening on Oct. 24 so that agenda items can go forward to the November Executive Committee meeting.

Members **agreed to meet** at the reception that on Thursday evening **at Plenary session** in order to retreat to the bar for a root beer and getting better acquainted; **the next committee meeting** will be back at LA Valley College on **November 20** (the Saturday following plenary session) and the focus will be on the two papers the committee has to work on; Richard reminded Paul and Karolyn to make travel arrangements through Kathy Evans at the Senate office.

The meeting concluded at 10:45 am