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Minutes of April 18, 2012

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
3:04	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2012		Motion by S Briggs, for approval of the Minutes of April 4, 2012. 2nd by J Lamore. Voice Vote - Ayes unanimous.
	President's Report	J Stanskas read his report (see attachment) consisting of; SBVC Presidential Search, Changes coming for Fall. - M Ikeda asked about changes the discussed changes in the handling of registered students who do not meet the pre-requisites for a class. J Stanskas stated that the paper work for the change was submitted, but had nothing to report at this time concerning implementation.	

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	New Business	<p>ASCCC Plenary Session Resolutions 20.03, 13.06 - J Stanskas read the resolutions (see Pres Report).</p> <p>Resolution 20.03 S12 - J Stanskas explained that the original goal of this resolution was that students receiving a BOG waiver would meet the same standards as students receiving federal financial aid. Clarification and discussion occurred concerning the distinction between the requirements associated with receiving federal financial aid, and current requirements associated with receiving a BOG waiver. J Nguyen (Financial Aid) also provided clarification about the process of applying for a BOG grant. P Buckley spoke against the resolution by citing the decreasing funding for CCC and resultant changing of the CCC mission. He indicated that the proposed changes in awarding a BOG waiver should reflect those realities. M Ikeda spoke in favor of the resolution citing the open access nature of the CCC and that the conservation of that aspect should be maintained in spite of budgetary conditions. J Gilbert indicated that the because students that receive a BOG waiver are enjoying benefits of this aid, receiving aid such as this should carry with it requirements similar to those in place for federal financial aid. Interim Pres Buckley contributed information about the financial magnitude of the contribution made by the State through BOG waivers, juxtaposed to the low progress rate (60% of students receiving a BOG waiver do not complete more than 10 units). J Stanskas indicated a need for a straw pole to get some sense of the Senate. General result was 2/3 in favor, 1/3 opposed.</p> <p>Resolution 13.06 S12 - J Stanskas read the resolved statements for the resolution. E Millican reviewed the possible consequences of passing this resolution; a) instituting a State level governance structure likely not very responsive to local needs and climate, b) a fundamental change in community college as being linked to a local community, c) as a State level agency (if a State level governing board for CCC is enacted) the forfeiture of the funding through local property taxes. P Buckley added that this resolution seems to be an issue that the State Academic Senate should not become involved with. J Stanskas reviewed the history behind the crafting of the resolution. E Millican stated further that despite the purely investigative tone to the resolution, sometimes after such investigations are completed there is impetus to take action. J Lamore stated that the resolution is the wrong vehicle to use to fix problems that are local BOG problems. The Senate recommended that J Stanskas pull this resolution from the consent agenda for debate at the Plenary session.</p>	

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	New Business cont.	<p>Ad-Hoc Program Evaluation Committee - J Stankas led a review of the history that has lead to this discussion as linked to the shrinkage of the course offerings at SBVC linked with the decrease in apportionment provided by the State and the effects of SERPs distributed unevenly through out various programs (protected and unprotected). The results of this shrinkage have therefore not been necessarily a strategically planned outcome with respect to the distribution of the college's class offerings. These affects might be ameliorated by the Program Discontinuance process, however practically the process is stalled due to the difficulty in faculty coming forward to start the discussion of placing a program on hiatus (for example). Interim Pres L Buckley described a suggestion made at College Council to form an Ad-Hoc committee to oversee; 1) a review of the Program Discontinuance process over the course of the next few months, and 2) to identify programs that might be looked at through the Program Discontinuance process. As it is currently envisioned, programs that are to be reviewed as possible candidates for the program discontinuance process will be identified by the Ad-Hoc Committee. The size and composition of the Ad-Hoc Committee was thought to be 11 individuals (6 faculty, 5 others including managers, classified, and students). L Buckley would identify the managers, classified, and students (through the VPs), J Stankas would identify faculty. C Huston clarified that the Ad-Hoc Committee's activity would occur prior to those actions required by the Program Discontinuance process, not in place of the Prog Discont. process. L Buckley added that the Ad-Hoc Committee process would begin this semester and continue in the Fall semester. J Stankas verified that the consequences (in terms of scheduling) of the action of the Ad-Hoc Committee and any Program Discont process would be apparent in Fall '13. L Buckley added that if the Nov Tax ballot initiative fail then action on the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee might start very soon after Nov.</p>	

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	Old Business	<p>The Role of Non-Credit at SBVC - J Stankas introduced the topic by reviewing; 1) the change in the CSU remediation to occur prior to the enrollment into classes for students needing remediation in specific skills. These students will be directed to CC (as well as other ed institutions) for remediation, and 2) the change in Federal financial aid in requiring a GED (or HS diploma) to be eligible for financial aid. Both of these circumstances could lead to changes in SBVC non-credit offerings. J Stankas then reviewed SBVC current offerings in non-credit. He then reminded the Senate of its stated support for offering non-credit classes, and indicated that there is no current contractual language specifying compensation for teaching non-credit classes.</p> <p>D Lee then spoke on the issue of non-credit classes by reviewing the history of these classes at SBVC. Given the changes indicated above plus the closing of most Adult Schools, an identified need exists that may be partially fulfilled by offering non-credit classes at SBVC. J Marquis enquired about compensation for teaching non-credit courses. L Buckley recounted that a one-year MOU was created to compensate non-credit teachers at the clinical rate. The monies for funding the non-credit process were coming from monies available in the Division where the non-credit courses were being offered. K Weiss interjected that State funding for non-credit courses is about 1/2 compared to typical for credit courses. L Buckley added that the compensation (as conceived in the MOU) was at an hourly rate at 10 hours per week which resulted in costs to the college at 2.5 times the cost of a for credit course. L Hector (now acting in place of AS President Stankas) brought the subject back to Valley College's role in non-credit classes. S Briggs recommended that the Senate direct AS President to write a letter to CTA and the District to work out compensation for teaching non-credit courses. A Au recommended that D Lee provide some information from other college models for funding non-credit courses.</p>	

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	Committees	<p>Ed Policy - no report. Student Services - no report. Personnel Policy - no report. Career & Tech Ed - no report. Financial Policy - no report. Equity and Diversity - no report. Legislative Policy - no report. Elections - no report. Basic Skills - no report. Curriculum - no report Program Review - no report. Professional Development - N Sogomonian mentioned the activity in conference attendance requests (16). She also mentioned faculty experiencing problems in submitting Flex Hours or Individ Dev Plans should please contact her. Finally she spoke about Lynda.com (a tutorial program for Excel and other applications) available at the College but limited to 10 users at a time.</p>	
	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report - L Buckley introduced the new Interim VP of Student Services Dr Gloria Fisher. He also mentioned a high school counselors group visiting from 7:30 to 2:30 Friday, April 20, Spotlight on Success, and the student production of <i>A Flea in her Ear</i>. SBCCD-CTA - P Buckley reminded the Senate that the contract is currently closed and so action on MOUs or MOAs is going to be a long process.</p>	
	Public Comments	<p>Y Lee reminded senators about the deaf awareness event next Tues (April 24) at noon in the Library Viewing Room. She also reminded senators about a visit from Janet Fitch (author of White Oleander) on May 2nd, noon to 1p in MAC.</p> <p>L Hector reminded senators that the graduation speaker contest was conducted today at 3pm. Look for the winner to be announced.</p> <p>K Weiss announced the biology guest lecture; Untold stories of the "ER" about evolutionary biology, Wed April 25th, 3:30 to 4:30 in PS 229.</p>	
	Announcements		
4:30	Adjourned		