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Minutes of August 17, 2011

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
3:05	Call to Order		
		An edited TED talk video of Ken Robinson was shown as an opening session introduction (http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html)	
	Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2011		Motion by P Buckley, for approval of the Minutes of May 4 . 2nd by S Meyer. Voice Vote - Ayes unanimous.
3:14	President's Report	<p>J Stankas read his report (see attachment) consisting of Welcome, SLOs and Accreditation Standards, Dates of future Senate and Ex Comm meetings.</p> <p>SLOs and Accreditation Standards - J Stankas provided a distillation of the state of SLOs on campus in regards to; 1) matters of SLOs, faculty evaluation, and workload, 2) progress and intradepartmental conversations regarding the continuous quality of improvement that is to be a part of the 3 year assessment cycle of course-level SLOs, and 3) the beginning of assessment of programatic SLOs and institutional SLOs. In regards to point #1, J Stankas cited an email to the B of T and the CTA President imploring a settlement of these issues so that a unified movement within the college might occur.</p> <p>Ex Committee membership - J Stankas noted the absence of a Basic Skills Chair (he recommended from Humanities).</p>	<p>Motion by L Hector, for approval of the Appointments for Ex Committee membership.</p> <p>2nd by C Huston. Voice Vote - Ayes unanimous.</p>

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	New Business	<p>J Stanskas summarized the Goals and Activities for 2011-2012 Academic Senate as identified at the Academic Senate Retreat (see attached Agenda).</p> <p>Suggested Flex Day Activities - Recommended activities included; 1) Final look at Accreditation Mid-Term Report, 2) Training about dealing with difficult students, 3) Division level discussion of Course SLOs, 4) Training about Web Migration, 4) CurricuNet training.</p> <p>Report from Division Meetings -</p> <p>A Aguilar-Kitibutr reported on the Counseling Dept meeting. She reviewed the link between students receiving counseling and increases of student success. A Aguilar-Kitibutr noted the decrease in counseling faculty (from 11 to 7 FTF, only 4 of which have general counseling responsibilities). A Aguilar-Kitibutr noted further the ratio of unduplicated student head count to counsellors to be 3200 to 1, compared to the State average of 1000 to 1, where as the recommended ratio is 900 to 1. A Aguilar-Kitibutr noted that reducing these ratios might be a very effective way of increasing Student Success. J Marquis noted a 58% decline in the number of counselors since she started at Valley. J Stanskas reported that he had asked that the BOT think about Student Support Services as an effective avenue to expend reserve funds on instead of, or in addition to, adding classes. J Stanskas also reminded the senators about actions they can take as faculty to increase student success.</p> <p>C Huston reported that Library hours have been cut 39% over the last 4 years, and classified staff has been cut by 44%. Also 56, 000 books were checkout from the textbook bank last year, this year a lack of funds has stopped the further purchase of textbooks.</p> <p>J Stanskas underscored the message of innovation in grappling with challenges imposed by lack of funds.</p>	<p>Motion by G Mack, to move the identified Goals and Activity for 2011-2012 to there appropriate committees.</p> <p>2nd by D Jackson.</p> <p>Voice Vote - Ayes unanimous.</p>
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	Committees	<p> Ed Policy - no report. Student Services - no report Personnel Policy - no report CTE - no report Financial Policy - no report Equity and Diversity - no report Legislative Policy - no report Elections - no report. Basic Skills - no report </p> <p> Curriculum - L Hector reported on a list of programs that are either up for Content Review or overdue. They were; </p> <p> Overdue - Art, Dance, English, Theater Arts, Criminal Justice, Police, Academic Advancement, CIS, Computer Science, Biology, Environmental Science Studies, and Geology. </p> <p> Programs due in 2011 or 2012 - Aeronautics, Diesel, Welding, Architecture, Pharmacy Tech, Health, Human Services, and PE. </p> <p> L Hector also reminded senators to contact her in case of due date discrepancies. She also reminded everyone of the Oct 1 deadline to launch courses (changed or new) that will appear in the Fall 2012 catalog. J Stanskas reminded senators about the existing(?) Fall 2012 deadline for making course content up-to-date or not offering the course. </p> <p> Program Review - C Huston reported that the first meeting of Prog Rev will occur in approx 10 days. She reminded Senators that programs undergoing efficacy were split between Fall and Spring Semesters to allow more time for reviewing these programs. The current list is; </p> <p> Fall - Chemistry, Culinary Arts, Geography, Library, Political Sci, Counseling, Accounting, EOPS, Water Supply Tech, Student Life, Physical Ed & Health, Physics, and Philosophy. </p> <p> Spring - Acad Adv, Aeronautics, Athletics, DSPS, Financial Aid, Grounds, Geology, History, Nursing, Music, Foreign Languages, Reading, Campus Tech & Services. </p>	

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	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report - Pres Daniels addressed the Counseling situation by stating that she will be supporting the hire both a counselor (to fill the loss by resignation) and a Chemistry instructor. Pres Daniels reminded senators to make their needs known to Administration. She cited \$50k being returned last year that could have been used to hire adjunct counselors. The lack of funds to buy textbooks for the textbook bank at the Library will be made available shortly. These was a change in the funding source that delayed their distribution. C Huston enquired about the resolution of free communication vs "Chain of Command". Pres Daniels recommended cc'ing her in these communications. Pres also addressed the Chemistry noise problem. In regards to situations with disgruntled students, Pres Daniels recommended that a security guard could be available to patrol the area to reduce flare-ups.</p> <p>SBCCD-CTA - R Jaramillo reported that negotiations about SLOs and Workload are continuing.</p> <p>District Assembly - no report.</p>	
	Public Comments	J Stankas provided some examples of effective ways of communicating (eg informing about next steps, etc). J Stankas also emphasized the importance of free communication from different perspectives (eg CTA and Academic Senate).	
	Announcements	S Meyer announced the opening of the "Den" run by the culinary arts club (formerly Info Joe's).	
4:25	Adjourned		