

Academic Senate SBVC	AD/SS 207 3:00 - 4:30
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Minutes of August 21, 2013

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2013		Motion by J Notarangelo for approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2013. 2nd by K Kammer. Voice vote - unanimous
	President's Report	<p>J Gilbert addressed the following in his report (attached):</p> <p>Staffing Updates: successful faculty hires include Anthropology, Professional Development Coordinator, Counseling, Diesel, Electronics, Political Science, Welding. In Administrative: VPAS, Director of Student Life. Other vacancies are in the process of being approved or are in committee. The new VPSS will cover Director of Library & Learning Resources and Director or Coordinator of DSPS. Admissions/Records and Financial Aid will report to Marco Cota. Until the Professional Development Coordinator's position is filled, Dr. James Smith will coordinate efforts for new-faculty orientation, etc.</p> <p>Senate Planning Session Summary: J Gilbert summarized the August 14 session, which focused on professional development, the Wait List process, improved communication with DCS, a unified online source to download forms.</p>	

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	New Business	<p>Welcome New Senators: a list (attached) was distributed of all currently serving from various departments. All 2016-term senators are new or renewing.</p> <p>Standing Committee Sign-Up: forms were distributed for Senators to indicate preferences of service. Each of the eight committees has a chairperson; the President will endeavor to honor requests, but will make necessary adjustments.</p> <p>Scheduled Meeting Dates and Meeting Norms (attached). J Gilbert noted that the October 30 meeting (5th Wednesday) might be reserved for discussing core competencies. Senators are urged to inform the President and Secretary if a proxy is filling in at a meeting. A brief Senate code of conduct was shared.</p> <p>State Legislation Updates (attached): J Gilbert summarized five bills of interest to the Senate. No votes are pending. AB 13 (Chavez): Exempts recently discharged vets from paying nonresident tuition. AB 950 (Chau): Prohibits FT faculty from being assigned an overload exceeding 50% of FT load. AB 955 (Williams): Allows two-tier privatized full-price system in winter or summer sessions only SB 173 (Liu): Ongoing dealings between CCC's and K-12 local educational agencies (LEA's). SB 440 (Padilla): Deals with transfer model curricula and workings between CCC's and CSU institutions. The new detail: districts must create an associate degree for transfer in every major offered; this is a challenge for small colleges. This is an extension of SB 1440.</p> <p>Professional Development Coordinator Concerns: the candidate won't be board-approved until Sept. 12. There is a committee ready to help find activities and solicit faculty involvement. It's suggested that deans and chairs to assign mentors to new faculty. J Gilbert is working with J Smith on scheduling first-day activities for new-faculty orientation on Sept. 6. Suggestions are welcome. One (10 + 1) charge is a policy regarding faculty-development activities.</p> <p>Response to Chancellor's Address and All-Campus Meeting: the 10-hour stipend for SLOs was welcome. There is a desire for a task force to consider salary schedules.</p>	
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	Committees	<p> Ed Policy - 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. </p> <p> Curriculum – L Hector attended a curriculum institute this summer which addressed opportunities regarding updates, policies regarding leveling out repeatable courses. A busy year is coming up; departments are aware of courses needing to be leveled out. October 1 is a deadline if a program is up for Content Review; reminders will go to department chairs this week. Faculty are encouraged to raise student awareness regarding Transfer Model Curriculum (TMCs), which are their ticket to the four-year system, with the granting of priority admission to the local Cal State system. Tech Review meets for the first time on August 26. O McGinnis queried about the general turnaround time once a program is approved by our own committee. A: a wide variety from one program to another. Through Curricunet, one can click on Content Review Report and see what courses are due. </p> <p> Program Review – S Lillard said the first meeting will be Sept. 6. Needs Assessment takes place in fall, Efficacy Review in spring. The program may be modified from the current three-year cycle. Data deadlines need to be set in order for Needs Assessment to take place; S Lillard will consult with the data office regarding their workload and obtaining EMPs. </p> <p> Professional Development - </p>	

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	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report – G Fisher stated her resolve to keep lines of communication open and will share information as it comes up. "I am sensitive about your sensitivity." Ideally, information flow will come from her offices to Senate President, then to Executive Committee and the full Senate, with Senate and College Council responses coming back to the President's office. There is a new Scholarship Coordinator. Discussions with the Chancellor are addressing funding priorities between the two campuses; Mr. Baron is impressed with CHC's Left Lane Project (LLP) dealing with new-student success/retention and fast-track advantages and encourages SBVC to provide similar data-driven proposals, perhaps regarding in-place programs, in order to merit increased funding. (More than \$1M is available for one-time expenses.) Proposals to College Council are solicited. Some funds have already been spent for online orientation, to be ready for Spring semester. Details are coming regarding the new call-attendant system. Information Stations manned by trained student assistants have been placed around campus; faculty with events to promote or flyers to distribute can take advantage. Key Point: accreditation is the most serious thing facing Valley College; failure would bring dire consequences.</p> <p>SBCCD-CTA – S Lillard addressed the union's compiling of personal email addresses; information regarding labor negotiations should not be carried over the district system. Contracts have been extended for one year pending data from the governor's budget. A new survey will be distributed shortly.</p> <p>District Assembly – J Stanskas met with the Chancellor on Aug. 20 regarding the traditional role played by the Assembly: reviewing policies and procedures. There is a need for a more effective way for District to communicate with itself.</p>	
	Public Comments		
	Announcements	J Gilbert is seeking volunteers to help evaluate two demos of anti-plagiarism software. Thanks to H Kinde and deans for holding this important matter for faculty consultation. Volunteers, especially in writing fields, are invited to volunteer by Aug. 23. The latest issue of the Senate magazine is available.	
	Adjourned	3:55 p.m.	

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