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Minutes of February 3, 2010

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
3:05	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes for 1/20/10		Motion for approval of the Minutes of 1/20/10 by A Moore 2nd by P Buckley Voice vote - Ayes unanimous
	President's Report	<p>J Stankas announced the results of the Tenure Review Committee meeting in recommending the following faculty for tenure to the President; Victoria Anemelu, Mandy Batello, Patrick Buckley, Carmen Rodriguez, Magdalena Jacobo, E J Jones, Judy Jorgensen, Dirkson Lee, Stacy Meyer, Joe Notarangelo.</p> <p>J Stankas went on to review the letter regarding Advancement in Rank (see attached memo). The deadline for these nominations are to be sent to J Stankas by March 5th at noon. J Stankas identified A Aguilar-Kitibutr, and L Hector as other individuals that could provide help with these nominations. L Hector emphasized the importance of dating the events that are part of the supporting evidence of a nomination. K Kammer asked about background checking as to the veracity of the evidence. J Stankas responded that he never felt compelled to check on the truthfulness of the statements. L Hector reiterated the importance of the nomination letter in meeting the evidentiary requirements of advancement. W Chatfield added that activities outside of those required by contract are especially important to note in a nomination letter. R Pires enquired about the deadline date in regards to identifying Prof Emeritus before the SERP deadline. J Stankas replied that Prof Emeritus individuals are typically identified the year after they retire by the Faculty Association. G Mack verified that the seven year requirement for Associate Professor includes the four years of untenured service.</p>	

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3:16	Old Business	<p>Program Discontinuance - J Stanskas reviewed the activities of the final version of the Program Discontinuance document after AS approval. At College Council a request was made to include a Classified Staff member on the ad hoc committee and add phrase student services program to the initial paragraph of the document. The Ex Comm of the Senate reviewed and supported the modification of the addition of the classified staff member at their last meeting. A Chatterjee enquired about the result of a tie in the voting members of the Prog Discontinuance Committee. J Stanskas stated that like the Academic Senate if a tie occurs in the votes, the motion (or recommendation) will fail.</p> <p>Election Procedures - A Aguilar-Kitibutr reviewed the proposed changes in the election of senators to the Academic Senate where the Division would meet and select individuals to serve as senators. She enquired about feedback that senators heard on this topic. A Moore stated that there seemed to be no opposition in the Tech Division to this change. P Buckley stated that there was no opposition in his division to the change. M Ikeda stated no opposition to the change in procedures from the Science and Health Sci Division. L Hector noted that even with a division selection process there may be participation at Senate. D Lee stated that in his division there was some conversation about whether or not the problem of getting division participation in the Senate would be solved by the proposed changes. V Anemelu emphasized the importance of having the participation of division representatives in Senate to productivity in the Senate and information dissemination to the Division that they serve. A Aguilar-Kitibutr noted the support of the recommended changes by Student Services Division. J Stanskas said that the changes will now be brought to the Ex Comm of the Senate to be placed on a future agenda in order that the Senate vote on these changes.</p> <p>Planning for '10 - '11 Instructional Offerings - L Buckley reviewed some previous conversations about instructional offerings and presented a draft version (see attachment). L Buckley noted that the proposed number of sections for Fall/ Spring '10 - '11 is equal to the total for Fall/Spring '09 - '10. That places the flexibility in offerings in the Summer offerings. L Buckley then explained that the proposed Summer I of '11 is assuming some economic recovery and that the offerings are equivalent to those of Summer '09. That leaves 56 sections which can be offered for the Summer '10. He then articulated his reasoning for offering such a small session. L Buckley also suggested that if additional Summer '10 sections were desired</p>	<p>Motion to adopted the corrected language to the Program Discont document by P Buckley 2nd by R Pires Voice vote - Ayes unanimous</p>

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	Old Business cont.	<p>by certain Departments and Divisions would shift sections from Fall '10 or Spring '11 to support these additions he would consider making these changes in light of there impact on matriculation, transfer, and especially basic skills processes. L Buckley reviewed the unit allocation proposal by Division contained on the draft document. He noted that the proportion that each division was to receive was calculated from the last two years worth of unit offerings. A Moore noted that Tech Div would suffer disproportionate losses due to the high unit counts of their classes. There was some further discussion about the accuracy of the 2 year unit offerings for Tech Div and the Fall and Spring semester offerings. R Pires enquired about the possibility of shifting units from Spring to Fall. L Buckley stated that he would consider these proposals.</p>	

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	Committee Reports	<p>Ed Policy - R Pires presented the results of the ARCC 2010 report (see attachment) and the interpretation of the Ed Policy in looking at the declines (Table 1.1 and 1.1a).</p> <p>Curriculum - Dept Advisory - R Whitfield reviewed the Curriculum Committees suggestion of 9/09 to the Senate that all transfer level courses have a Dept Advisory of English 101 and Math 095 (for courses requiring mathematical skills). Since that time during the Curriculum Committees meetings there has surfaced a wide variety of opinions about this topic by Dept undergoing review and within the Curriculum Comm itself. As a consequence of these interactions and as a result of further conversation within the Curriculum Comm, <i>a decision to recommend that the following Dept Advisory for all transfer level courses submitted for review be included; English 015 or eligibility for English 101 (as determined by the SBVC assessment process). For courses requiring mathematical computation, a suitable Math course as determined by the faculty member.</i> The faculty member could also decline to include a Math course. R Pires recounted her impressions last fall in regards to the Dept Advisory. She was operating under the impression that these were on-going discussions about Dept Advisory and that the Curriculum Comm seemed to be exerting pressure on faculty to add a Dept Advisory. R Whitfield reviewed the responsibility of the committee to inform the faculty of possible impact of not attaching a Dept Advisory to a course. J Stanskas interjected that the Curriculum Comm should voice its disapproval of courses where there is the impression that the changes to courses will not forward the students' success in that course. He stated further that it is the responsibility of the faculty to defend their actions of changing, or not changing, a course to their peers. A Moore explained that Curriculum Comm did, internally, recognize that there were occasions where their advisory voice to faculty had been exceeded. E Millican enquired about the existence of data that looks at the effectiveness of Dept Advisories on increasing student success. J Stanskas stated that James Smith has promised to have these data by Feb 17th.</p> <p>Professional Development - C Hunter gave a brief report on the Great Teachers Program participation and events. She also reminded senators about the series, Contemporary Issues in Education. The first meeting occurred on Feb 1st, the next meeting on March 1st from 12-1 with the topic Research in the Contemporary Classroom (meeting in the North Hall Living Room). Finally she announced the March 19th event</p>	

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4:12	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report - Pres Daniels reminded Senators of the All College Budget Meeting occurring on 2/4 @ 3pm presented by acting Chancellor Bruce Baron on the upcoming State Budget.</p> <p>SBCCD-CTA - P Buckley had a report from the Health Benefits Committee. He announced the likelihood of a mid-rate increase by Blue Shield of 28.5% over the current payment. If a change is made to Blue Cross by April the rates are likely to increase 11% for the HMO people. The PPO rate will decrease approx 35% from the current contracted rates. He reminded the Senators of union lunches occurring on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Finally he announced the Bowling Day, 2/20 at the Empire Bowl.</p> <p>District Assembly - J Stankas reviewed the Proposed Changes to Fee Schedule from Dist Assembly. The proposal has been approved by Dist Assembly but they wanted feedback on the proposals in time for their March meeting. It was noted that the annual pass for parking is scheduled to increase to \$100 per year (w/o option for an additional pass). J Stankas stated that the original proposal was to increase the rate for students only up to \$100. He also stated that the monies collected will remain at Valley College and that they can be used to fund Maintenance and Custodial positions. K Kammer commended Pres Daniels for insisting that these changes be brought back to the campuses for comment. On the topic of saving money, R Pires enquired about cost savings possibilities associated with the Schedule of Classes. J Stankas noted that ideas concerning the published schedule have been discussed for a while and must be informed by certain requirements about what must be published. Pres Daniels added that there has been a continuing decrease in the numbers of published schedules. D Alblingar commented that the parking increase isn't that substantial for a two semester sticker. L Buckley estimated that 35,000 schedules were printed last year, reduced to 28,000. There is some idea to combine both summer and fall offering in one schedule. He also cautioned moving to online only given the limited access students have to the web.</p>	

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	Announcements	J Stanskas announced the need for faculty volunteers to chaperon the March In March Event in Sacramento and to notify him if you are interested. He also announced the awarding of a PhD to now Dr. Jennifer Mendoza.	
4:29	Adjournment		