

LOS RIOS DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS)

Minutes

March 17, 2015

Los Rios District Office

Roster			
DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE			
Kale Braden	CRC	DAS President	X
Connie Zuercher	SCC	DAS Past President	X
Dan Crump	ARC	DAS Secretary	X
Tony Giusti	ARC	AS President	X
Gary Aguilar	ARC	AS Vice President	Excused
Alisa Shubb	ARC	AS Secretary	X
Tressa Tabares	ARC	AS Past President	X
B. J. Snowden	CRC	AS President	X
Julie Oliver	CRC	AS Vice President	X
Shannon Mills	CRC	AS Secretary	X
Carlos Lopez	FLC	AS President	X
Paula Haug	FLC	AS Vice President	X
Francis Fletcher	FLC	AS Secretary	X
Ginni May	SCC	AS President	X
Troy Myers	SCC	AS Vice President	X
Steve Cirrone	SCC	AS Secretary	X
Kirsten Corbin	ARC	District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC)	X
Greg Beyrer	CRC	District Educational Technology Committee (DETC)	X
Kathy Degn	CRC	District Matriculation & Student Success Committee (DMSSC)	
Robert Perrone		Los Rios Colleges Federation of Teachers (LRCFT)	

Preliminaries (10 minutes)

Called to order at 3:07pm

- Approval of the Agenda---approved with the addition of “Distance Education Rubric” under Discussion Items.
- Announcements---none
- Approval of the March 3rd minutes---deferred.
- Public Comment Period (3 minutes per speaker)---none
- Introduction of Guests---none

Decision Items 15 minutes (per item)

2. District Educational Technology Committee (DETC)--- proposed changes in membership language

It was noted that the committee composition is listed in LRCCD Regulation 3412, section 2.1.3. It was also noted that not all faculty positions on the committee have been filled, e.g. a faculty member is appointed to the committee for one purpose and it turns out that person also meeting the criteria for one of the other positions on the committee. DAS needs to be mindful of when this happens and to appoint the appropriate faculty members.

Action:

Braden will review committee membership and contact the appropriate people for appointment suggestions.

Issues of an academic and professional matter are strongly evident in DETC (need to deliver course content to students in an appropriate style). There is a need for clarification of crossover issues/decisions between IT and DAS. What issues are academic and professional (instruction-related) and should come back to DAS for approval?

Action:

Beyrer to discuss with other faculty members of DETC to identify academic and professional matters as it pertains to issues discussed in DETC.

3. Learning Management System (LMS) Workgroup---proposed structure and membership

Comments/Questions:

Would workgroup(s) be at the college or district level?

Would the workgroup be ongoing or temporary?

How does this workgroup interact with DETC? Where would discussions about tools (e.g. publisher plug-ins) occur---DETC or LMS workgroup?

Braden noted that the process for the LMS workgroup will be discussed at Chancellor's Cabinet on April 27.

Action:

Braden will notify Chancellor King that DAS is still working on the language for the proposed LMS workgroup.

Discussion Items 15 minutes (per item)

4. LRCCD Smoking Policy

Braden reported that LRCCD Board of Trustees member Deborah Ortiz requested that the smoking policy for the LRCCD be discussed at a future Board meeting. DAS sees this as an opening for dialogue and discussion at the colleges regarding changes in smoking policies.

5. Underage Students (Minors) in Classes—Faculty Concerns

Snowden reported that the CRC Academic Senate directed him to request a discussion about underage students (i.e. students who are under the age of 18 and have not graduated from high school, designated as “advanced education/special admit” students in R-2212). DAS had a preliminary discussion about the issue with members relating what is currently thought to be happening in the District. Braden also noted that there is proposed state legislation to expand opportunities for concurrent enrollment (high school students taking community college courses).

It was decided that the issue will be further discussed at the DAS retreat in the Fall and further information will be researched to be brought to the retreat.

Action:

Braden to request from Sue Lorimer, LRCCD Vice Chancellor for Education and Technology, and J. P. Sherry, LRCCD General Counsel, information about current policies and procedures for advanced education, and future plans in light of the proposed legislation.

6. Safety on Campus—Role of Senates

Snowden reported that the CRC Academic Senate directed him to express concern to DAS about increased issues about campus safety, providing several examples of escalated threats to faculty, and the immediate need for additional safety measures.

In regards to faculty issues, this is seen as both an academic senate issue (affecting our ability to fulfill our faculty duties) and a union issue (workplace safety). What can we do to work with LRCFT to improve campus safety?

DAS members noted that concerns about safety are campus-wide and not limited to faculty and that dialogue at both the college and district level is needed.

Action:

Braden will contact LRCFT leadership to start a district-wide dialogue on what can be done to improve safety for faculty and all others on the campuses.

7. Items from College Senates & District for DAS consideration.

Distance Education Rubric

Giusti reported that the ARC Academic Senate directed him to present a document (primarily developed by Marsha Reske, ARC Distance Education Coordinator) to DAS for consideration by other college senates to be used as rubric for the audit to be conducted by the District.

Questions/Comments:

Does ARC provide support for online courses to be ADA-compliant? There are workshops to show faculty how to put ADA.

If there are accessibility issues, the college must provide the accommodations. There is the need for more dialogue with the District to provide these accommodations.

Action:

- College senate presidents to take rubric to senates (and DE Coordinators) for comment.
- Braden will ask LRCFT about discussions/negotiations about audit.

Reports---(5 Minutes per Report)

8. Meeting with Chancellor King---

Braden reported that discussions with King included concerns about resources not being available for distance education, District and college participation in Achieving the Dream, variations in reading curriculum in the District, additional reassign time for senate faculty leadership, use of reassign time for new faculty, and increased interaction of senate presidents with the Board of Trustees when the Board meets at the colleges.

9. DCCC Report (Corbin)---no report.

10. District Matriculation (Degn)---no report.

11. Ed Tech (Beyrer)---no report.

12. ASCCC (Crump & Braden)---Area A meeting---March 27, at San Joaquin Delta College.

13. LRCFT (Perrone)---no report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm