

LOS RIOS DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS)

Minutes

November 17, 2015

Los Rios District Office

Roster			
DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE			
Brian Robinson	FLC	DAS President	X
Connie Zuercher	SCC	DAS Past President	
Dan Crump	ARC	DAS Secretary	X
Tony Giusti	ARC	AS President	X
Gary Aguilar	ARC	AS Vice President	X
Alisa Shubb	ARC	AS Secretary	
Tressa Tabares	ARC	AS Past President	X
Julie Oliver	CRC	AS President	X
Shannon Mills	CRC	AS Vice President	X
Scott Crosier	CRC	AS Secretary	
Georgine Hodgkinson	CRC	AS Past President	X
Carlos Lopez	FLC	AS President	X
Paula Haug	FLC	AS Vice President	
Francis Fletcher	FLC	AS Secretary	X
Ginni May	SCC	AS President	X
Troy Myers	SCC	AS Vice President	X
Steve Cirrone	SCC	AS Secretary	
Kirsten Corbin	ARC	District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC)	Excused
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)	
Guests:			
Annette Barfield	SCC	LRCFT College President	X

Preliminaries (10 minutes)

1. Call to Order---3:08am

Approval of the Agenda--approved

Announcements---none.

Approval of the November 3rd minutes---approved.

Public Comment Period (3 minutes per speaker)---none.

Introduction of Guests---none.

Decision Item (15 minutes per item)

2. Hiring Manual Revision (second reading)---

The manual is reviewed at least every three years. In order to take special note of issues arising from the large amount of hiring (and interview committees) anticipated in Spring 2016, it was recommended that there be a process of getting non-specific feedback to inform a review of the manual. An anonymous survey of interview committee participants that would not affect the confidentiality of the hiring process was suggested. Oliver will contact Ryan Cox, LRCCD Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, regarding the possibility of such a survey.

It was also noted that Cox will be addressing any necessary changes to the LRCCD Policies and Regulations as a result of changes in the Hiring Manual

Action: Approval of the revised LRCCD Faculty Hiring Manual.

M/S/U

Action: Oliver will contact Cox about a survey for getting feedback.

3. 2017-18 Calendar Review---

Comments:

- Why is Friday always the first day of finals instead of starting on Monday?
- Is there any consideration of Spring Break not being the week before Easter? (it was noted that there was a previous survey that was inconclusive)?
- Any consideration of the taking off the entire week of Thanksgiving?

Action: Affirm the recommendations of the Calendar Committee.

M/S/U

Discussion Items (15 minutes per item)

4. District-Wide Assessment Processes

Reassessment after a significant lapse of study had been discussed at a previous DAS meeting with District staff and DAS members were told that a student could not re-assess

once a course sequence had been started. At the ASCCC Fall Plenary Session, DAS attendees were informed that reassessment is a local decision. A message from the Chancellor's Office General Counsel and the Assessment Specialist in the Chancellor's Office affirmed that reassessment is a local decision.

Robinson contacted Sue Lorimer (LRCCD Deputy Chancellor, Jamey Nye (LRCCD Associate Vice Chancellor, Instruction), and Victoria Rosario (LRCCD Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services) regarding the communication from the Chancellor's Office. This will be an agenda item for the Math Competency Committee. Robinson also suggested that it go to DMSSS to defining "lapse of time" and appropriate reassessment policies. It was also suggested that that the group examining policies consist of math, composition and reading faculty.

Action: Robinson will forward to DMSSS.

5. Equivalency Processes---still waiting for feedback from JP Sherry (LRCCD General Counsel)
6. Graduation Requirements-R-7241---Robinson reported that the response from Sherry was that Ethnic Studies is part of General Education. (*note: DC will get text of Sherry message to include in minutes before the minutes are posted*).

Robinson will also request Sherry to forward this message to the colleges through the appropriate channels.

Action: Robinson to request Sherry to forward message.
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7. Items from College Senates & District for DAS consideration.

FLC is interested in an orientation for new adjunct faculty. This item had agreement from the other colleges.

Reports (5 minutes per report)

8. Meeting with Chancellor King---discussed initial stages of the planning process for the new District Strategic Plan. Senate presidents also emphasized the critical importance of including faculty early in discussions of the District's participation in proposed educational initiatives.
9. DCCC Report (Corbin)---no report.
10. District Matriculation (Degn)---no report

11. Ed Tech (Beyrer---no report from DETC. Beyrer reported that the LMS Workgroup has its first meeting on November 12 with a discussion on criteria to be used for considering a Learning Management System. He noted that the workgroup will likely only be looking at Canvas. Next meeting will be exploratory work during the Spring. He emphasized that there is a need to have district and college funding for professional development (faculty, staff, and administrators). It is possible for faculty to get a “sandbox” Canvas account (to “play around in”)---need to contact the appropriate college LMS Coordinator.

12. ASCCC (May)---ASCCC is sponsoring the Instructional Design and Innovation Institute (Riverside, January 21-23)

13. LRCFT (Perrone)---no report.

Future Agenda Items

Future Events

1. LRCCD Board of Trustees Meeting---November 18---SCC

Adjourned---adjourned at 4:34pm