Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 16th, 2012

Members Present:

Christine Beckman, Marie Brown, Delaine Gilcrease, Jim Giles, Keith Heffner, David John, Loretta Kissel, Charles Lewis, Sally Kroelinger, Maria Martell, Jeff Messer, Paul Nunez, Janice Reilly, C.J. Robb, Robert Soza, & Phil Waclawski

I. General

A) Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m.

B) Approval of the Agenda -  
   Unanimously Approved

C) Approval of Minutes -  
   Motion to Approve February 2nd, 2012 Minutes w/ Amendments  
   Unanimously Approved As Amended

II. Executive Session

Article XVIII - Executive Session

Section I - By unanimous vote of the Senators and Officers, the Senate may resolve itself into an executive session where only Senators and Senate officers may be present.

Section II - In executive session no record shall be kept of debate, except that which is ordered by unanimous vote of the Senators and Officers. Further, no Senator or officer shall reveal the nature of executive proceedings to any person without unanimous consent of the Senate and Senate Officers.

Section III - No resolutions or recommendations either to the College Administrators or the MCCCD Governing Board shall be approved or enacted during the executive sessions.
III. Regular Session

IV. Reports

A) Department Chair Association Liaison Report - Nora Reyes

President Heffner summarized a DCA report by indicating that there are multiple college officials engaged in an ongoing conversation focused on identifying potentially common characteristics of students who are repeatedly dropped from courses.

President Heffner indicated that DCA leadership will provide a related report with additional, specific detail at the next scheduled Faculty Senate meeting.

B) President’s Report - Keith Heffner

No report.

C) President-Elect’s Report - Sally Kroelinger

President-Elect Kroelinger reiterated that recent DCA conversations have been devoted to issues such as students being repeatedly dropped from courses.

D) Recording Secretary’s Report - Jeff Messer

Recording Secretary Messer indicated that he would duly amend the February 2nd, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes and subsequently disseminate those minutes for posting to the MCC Faculty Senate Internet site in addition to providing an initial draft of the current February 16th, 2012 Meeting Minutes prior to the Senate’s March 1st, 2012 meeting.

E) Business Secretary’s Report - Marie Brown

Business Secretary Brown indicated that she will secure a meeting location for Faculty Association President Genna’s upcoming meeting with MCC Red Mountain campus faculty.

F) Treasurer’s Report - Phil Waclawski

Treasurer Waclawski noted that he is progressing in his work on the tax reporting requirements for Faculty Senate.
G) Past-President’s Report - Keith Anderson

No report

H) MCCFA Legislative Committee Report - Erin Rawson

No report

I) MCCFF Report - Janice Reilly

Senator Reilly suggested that it would be valuable to formalize an Internet resource that could be used by students who need assistance in purchasing course textbooks

Senator Reilly noted that potential students who lack a high school diploma, GED, etc. will be unable to secure financial aid as of July 1st, 2012

J) Zone and At-Large Reports and Significant Happenings / Issues -

One senator asked if faculty can expect to receive a refund from the Arizona State Retirement System

One senator noted an ongoing issue with students continuing to be dropped from specific courses and programs

Several senators noted that it would be valuable to diversify the timing of Canvas training sessions

K) Faculty Senate Committees: Faculty Staffing, Faculty Travel, Honors Program, Advisory Committee, Student Outcomes, CTL Advisory, Distance Education, Faculty Social,

It was noted that Faculty Staffing has sixteen to eighteen requests for faculty lines

President Heffner noted that Bob Samsen has agreed to lead the Faculty Professional Growth (FPG) effort

V. Review of Items to Report-Out to Zones / Issues Bin –

No specific items were discussed for report-out

VI. Announcements / Good Of The Order / Adjournment -

Adjournment at 4:29 p.m.