Faculty Senate Meeting  
March 1st, 2012  

Members Present:  
Keith Anderson, Christine Beckman, Marie Brown, Delaine Gilcrease, Keith Heffner, David John, Loretta Kissel, Sally Kroelinger, Charles Lewis, Maria Martell, Jeff Messer, Paul Nunez, Janice Reilly, Robert Soza, & Phil Waclawski  

DCA Liaison:  
Linda Collins  

I. General  
A) Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m.  
B) Approval of the Agenda –  
   Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda Was Advanced  
   Motion Was Unanimously Approved  
C) Approval of Minutes -  
   Motion to Approve February 16th, 2012 Meeting Minutes Was Advanced  
   Motion Was Unanimously Approved with One Abstention  

II. Old Business  
A) Student Grievance Process - Update  
   No Update  
B) “W” Entered by Non-Faculty - Update  
   President Heffner noted that allied issues such as withdrawal of students from courses for non-payment are being discussed in order to enhance processes that contribute to student success; one such process, for example, is the process specific to the current tuition payment plan
President Heffner similarly noted that an improved process for reinstating students to courses has been discussed recently by Senate leadership and college administration.

III. New Business

A) Zone Elections - 2012 Even-Numbered Zones up for Election

Zone 2 - Business and CIS  
Zone 4 - Reading, Music, and World Languages  
Zone 6 - Art, Speech Communications, and Theatre  
Zone 8 - Physical Science  
Zone 10 - Mathematics and CSC  
Zone 12 - Library, Counseling, CTL, and Service Learning  
RM At-Large

Zone 3: Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Psychology & Zone 7: Social and Cultural Science, Administration of Justice Studies, and Education (still not filled)

Senators discussed the process of distributing ballots; it was agreed that several senators would contribute to the distribution of ballots.

B) Article XI - Election of Officers

Section I - By the first Thursday in February, the Senate President shall appoint Senators to a nominating committee to gather nominations for a slate of candidates for Senate Officer positions for the next academic year. The nominating committee shall present the slate of candidates to the Senate at the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting in April

President Heffner asked for volunteers to form a nominating committee. Senators discussed specific individuals with potential interest in serving as Senate officers for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Senator Reilly, Senator Kissel, and Senator Martell volunteered to serve on a Senate Officers’ Nomination Committee.
IV. Information / Discussion

A) Faculty Association (FA) Dues Increase and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - Discussion

President Heffner reviewed a recent FEC discussion addressing a potential Faculty Association dues increase.

President Heffner noted that the FA will face certain, escalating financial commitments during the next several years such as an increased commitment to its current legal representation and an increased commitment to the FA lobbyist.

President Heffner reminded senators that future FA dues will be charged across a 12-month payment period.

President Heffner similarly reviewed a recent discussion with other MCCCD college Faculty Senate presidents in which the various Senate presidents reviewed their respective senate financial positions.

President Heffner subsequently proposed that Faculty Senate return a to-be-agreed-upon portion of FA dues to the FA.

President Heffner related the proposed dues return to a corresponding request for no FA dues increase for the upcoming year.

One senator proposed that a dues return should be equivalent to the amount that would be raised from a 2012-2013 FA dues increase.

A proposal to create a second, distinct level of FA membership was raised and discussed. It was suggested that the membership level might be termed “associate member” and that a hypothetical associate member would not possess voting privileges.

One senator proposed that some portion of existing Faculty Senate finances should be dedicated to endowing a scholarship.

President Heffner proposed that a subcommittee be created in order to consider and subsequently propose an appropriate, desirable commitment of Faculty Senate funds.

Another senator emphasized that it would be very important to receive additional, quantitative information regarding a potential 2012-2013 FA dues increase prior to formalizing any Faculty Senate commitment to potentially return some portion of available FA dues.
Senators discussed a common approach to updating zone constituents with respect to the previous discussion.

It was noted that Tuesday, March 27th, 2012 is the formal deadline for formalizing a proposed FA dues increase for the upcoming academic year.

B) Giving Back Portion of MCC FA dues to FA – Discussion

Considered within context of preceding (Information / Discussion Item A) discussion.

C) Google Mail Transition Begins in May

President Heffner emphasized that the transition will not occur in March 2012 and will occur in May 2012.

President Heffner noted that Vice President of Information Technology (VPIT) Sasan Pourreetezadi will be a Senate guest at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

D) Select Next Red Mountain Campus Senate Meeting

It was proposed and agreed that the April 5th, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting will be conducted at the MCC Red Mountain campus.

E) Meet-&-Confer Update and Discussion: M-&-C Minute #5 - Salary Inversion

President Heffner noted multiple, recent electronic mail communications from Meet-&-Confer leadership and emphasized that Meet-&-Confer leadership is committed to soliciting feedback.

President Heffner noted his desire to provide his perspective on the Meet-&-Confer process at the conclusion of the current academic year.

F) FEC Update

One senator noted that current lobbying and letter-writing efforts are apparently making an impact in demonstrating strong, unified opposition to the current guns-on-campus legislation.

It was correspondingly noted that the pending legislation has not transitioned from committee-level consideration to consideration by the full state senate.
V. Reports

A) Department Chair Association Liaison Report - Linda Collins

DCA Liaison Collins noted that recent DCA discussions have addressed employee recognition, late registration, the forty-fifth (45th) day process, CANVAS, G-Mail, and the logistics of recruiting additional faculty as it relates to improving residential faculty / adjunct faculty ratio

B) President’s Report - Keith Heffner

1) Internet Bandwidth Upgrade - Summer 2012

President Heffner noted that the bandwidth should be increased by 100% by summer 2012

President Heffner similarly noted that there is intent to further increase bandwidth subsequent to the planned summer 2012 enhancement

2) Meeting w/ Dr. Pan and Dr. Mabry

President Heffner noted a recent meeting with senior college administration in which he addressed faculty accountability

C) President-Elect’s Report - Sally Kroelinger

No report

D) Recording Secretary’s Report - Jeff Messer

Recording Secretary Messer indicated that he would disseminate the approved February 16th, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for posting to the MCC Faculty Senate Internet site in addition to providing an initial draft of the current March 1st, 2012 Meeting Minutes prior to the Senate’s April 5th, 2012 meeting

E) Business Secretary’s Report - Marie Brown

Business Secretary Brown suggested that the next Faculty Social be held near the conclusion of spring semester and indicated that she will propose specific dates at the next Faculty Senate meeting
F) Treasurer’s Report - Phil Waclawski

Treasurer Waclawski indicated that he is completing paperwork to establish Faculty Senate as an official labor organization.

He indicated that he will distribute a current financial report at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

G) Past-President’s Report - Keith Anderson

Past-President Anderson noted his attendance at a recent e-Learning Standards meeting and indicated his corresponding satisfaction with respect to ensuring course quality and respecting faculty academic freedom.

H) MCCFA Legislative Committee Report - Erin Rawson

No report.

I) MCCFF Report - Janice Reilly

Senator Reilly reviewed a recent letter from a student who received financial support from the Foundation and emphasized her (Senator Reilly’s) desire to share the letter with faculty.

Senator Reilly specifically emphasized the letter’s focus on a very positive impression of MCC faculty and the associated reference to Senator Waclawski’s very strong support for the writer’s educational pursuits.

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

A senator noted the Counseling Department’s involvement in addressing issues specific to a recent student suicide attempt.

It was noted that there have been recent delays and losses through the intercampus mail system.

Ongoing frustration with the inability to upgrade computers to incorporate desired software in the absence of possessing administrative privilege was noted.

One senator noted constituent frustration with respect to identifying and acquiring necessary paperwork to support professional development and related travel pursuits.
A senator noted a need for faculty to serve at the 2012 commencement ceremony. It was indicated that potentially interested individuals should contact Erin Rawson

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

Faculty Staffing is continuing to interact with department chairs

CTL Advisory has not met

One senator shared a concern that the current hiring committee practices inappropriately favor internal candidates including both OYO and adjunct faculty

It was correspondingly suggested that hiring committee practices should constitute a discussion item for a future Faculty Senate meeting

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

No specific items were discussed for report-out

VII. Announcements / Good Of The Order / Adjournment -

Adjournment at 4:20 p.m.