Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 7th, 2013

Members Present:  
Marie Brown, Debra Campbell, Kevin Dressler, Kevin Healy, Keith Heffner, Sally Kroelinger, Charles Lewis, Jeff Messer, Paul Nunez, Janice Reilly, Frederick Schineller, Robert Soza, & Phil Waclawski

Department Chair Association (DCA) Liaison:  
Steve Budge

Guests:  
Betty Parisek and Brian Dille, Student Outcomes Committee (SOC) Update

Ms. Parisek noted that Dr. Pan has raised the issue of potentially including civic engagement as a student outcome

Ms. Parisek indicated that there are numerous campus activities that currently address and reflect civic engagement

Ms. Parisek noted that the college does not currently assess civic engagement

Ms. Parisek shared her belief that the college meets the accreditation criteria for civic engagement

Mr. Dille referenced an evolving conversation oriented toward developing civic engagement assessment criteria and associated assessment tools

Ms. Parisek correspondingly noted that MCC will have the opportunity to participate in the aforementioned conversation and associated process of developing formal civic engagement assessment tools

Ms. Parisek requested that Faculty Senate endorse a SOC intent to initiate participation in the process of developing formal civic engagement assessment criteria

One senator asked if there are existing tools that measure / quantify civic engagement

Mr. Dille responded that approximately thirty (30) such tools currently exist

One senator expressed hope that any such instrument would be a robust assessment instrument
Mr. Dille indicated that any instrument developed by the SOC would be an instrument that reflects MCC faculty input and participation.

Mr. Dille reiterated the committee’s request to initiate participation in formal conversations oriented toward assessment of civic engagement.

President Heffner indicated that the Senate would engage in dialogue and report back to the SOC.

I. General

A) Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m.

B) Approval of the Agenda -

Motion to approve the agenda was advanced.

An agenda addition was proposed for incorporation under Information / Discussion, Item E, entitled “Interest-Based Negotiation (IBN) Training Information Session”.

An agenda addition was proposed for incorporation under New Business, Item C, entitled “Call for Nominating Committee”.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was advanced.

Motion was unanimously approved.

C) Approval of Minutes -

Motion to approve January 17th, 2013 Meeting Minutes was advanced.

Motion was unanimously approved with Four (4) Abstentions.

II. Reports

A) Department Chair Association Liaison Report - Steve Budge

DCA Liaison Budge reviewed a recent DCA presentation from VP Darbut that was positively received by DCA.

DCA Liaison Budge noted that DCA discussed the Success from Day One initiative and articulated specific concerns regarding the initiative.
DCA Liaison Budge noted, for example, an absence of consistent communication between the college registration office and individual departments.

DCA Liaison Budge further noted continued concern that the registration office should be able to resolve multiple registration questions that are being directed to individual departments.

DCA Liaison Budge indicated that DCA President Reyes and DCA President-Elect Budge plan to meet with registration office officials and Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) Pierson in order to address such issues.

DCA Liaison Budge noted that the Core Planning Team for an Academic Master Plan recently met and outlined objectives for the current semester.

DCA Liaison Budge emphasized that objectives included development of learning priorities, naming of the plan, development of a formal planning process, development of a larger committee, and organization of action groups to attend to learning priority development.

DCA Liaison Budge indicated that the committee will soon originate an Internet site in order to ensure timely, comprehensive dissemination of information specific to the evolving process.

B) President’s Report - Keith Heffner

President Heffner moved the Senate into Executive Session for the entirety of the President’s Report.

C) President-Elect’s Report - Paul Nunez

President-Elect Nunez noted a Title III grant that enables improvement, for example, of the mathematics developmental sequence and, subsequently, the reading developmental sequence commensurate with the associated goal of improving developmental progressions and outcomes and, more generally, developmental education.

President-Elect Nunez noted that there are significant challenges in concluding cause / effect relationships with respect to developmental outcomes.
D) Recording Secretary’s Report - Jeff Messer

Recording Secretary Messer indicated that he will prepare a draft of current meeting minutes for consideration at the February 21st, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting and that he will submit approved January 17th, 2013 meeting minutes for posting to the Faculty Senate Internet site

E) Business Secretary’s Report - Marie Brown

No report

F) Treasurer’s Report - Phil Waclawski

Treasurer Waclawski noted that he has a few remaining Faculty Association (FA) membership rebate checks to distribute

Treasurer Waclawski additionally noted that FA membership was reduced subsequent to December 2012 due to the elimination of the previously-existing payroll deduction option

G) Past-President’s Report - Janice Reilly

Past-President Reilly noted that the Maricopa Colleges Faculty Foundation (MCFF) has emergency funding available and shared her recent attempts to secure a bus pass for a student who lacked any other means of transportation

Past-President Reilly correspondingly noted that ongoing reorganization of the Student Affairs function is complicating MCFF efforts to secure appropriate assistance for students

Past-President Reilly additionally noted student concerns regarding ability to select necessary hours for specific courses

H) Maricopa Colleges Faculty Foundation (MCFF) Report - Janice Reilly

Senator Reilly noted that MCCF has spent $7,000 and has $1,000 remaining

Senator Reilly reminded the Senate of an April 12th, 2013 MCFF event designed to raise scholarship money
I) Zone and At-Large Reports and Significant Happenings / Issues -

One senator noted an upcoming visit by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronauts which will include a speech, a reception, and an autograph session.

The Senator also noted a Thursday, February 28th, 2013 event that includes a presentation by a NASA astronaut.

One senator reviewed an English department program designed to facilitate movement through the department’s English sequence.

J) Faculty Senate Committees -

1) Faculty Staffing
2) Constitution / By-Laws / Best Practices
3) Faculty Travel
4) Honors Program Advisory Committee
5) Student Outcomes
6) CTL Advisory
7) Distance Education
8) Faculty Social

President Heffner noted that the Faculty Staffing Committee is scheduled to meeting on Friday, February 8th, 2013.

III. Old Business -

A) Senate Constitution and By-Laws - Sending to MCC FA Membership

President Heffner noted that he is working to disseminate the updated Constitution and By-Laws to FA membership.

IV. New Business -

A) SOC: Civic Engagement -

President Heffner asked for comments regarding the February 7th, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting-initiating presentation by SOC leadership.

Consensus was reached for SOC leadership to move ahead with respect to the aforementioned conversation.
B) FA electronic mails about Extended Health Care Plans to the Faculty
DL Complaint

President Heffner indicated that faculty leadership is seeking FA legal
counsel advice concerning a possible violation of district electronic
mail policy

President Heffner noted corresponding, ongoing research and thus
that a specific investigation is proceeding

President Heffner emphasized that a central component of this
inquiry is the issue of solicitation versus information dissemination

C) Call for Nominating Committees -

President Heffner indicated the need for faculty association members
who can form a committee tasked with identifying candidates for
Faculty Senate officer positions

President Heffner noted that President-Elect Nunez will chair the
committee

Senator Kroelinger committed to participate on the committee

President Heffner nominated Senator Kissell to serve on the
committee

V. Information / Discussion

A) College Enrollment and General Projections -

It was noted that MCC enrollment has decreased substantially

B) Information Technology (IT) Post-Mortem Report Request regarding
BOExi Downtime during January 2013 -

President Heffner reviewed his recent discussions regarding
this issue

President Heffner emphasized that a critical issue involved the less-
than-timely information regarding purportedly current course
enrollments that precipitated potentially premature cancellation of
multiple courses
One senator noted the college’s desire to maintain and, ideally, enhance enrollment and the apparent absence of software that supports optimization of enrollment

C) MCC Open House -

President Heffner noted that an Open House event is upcoming in April 2013

D) Nine Recruitment and Marketing Foci -

President Heffner noted his recent dissemination of a recruitment / marketing resource to Senators and indicated that he is favorably impressed by the resource

E) IBN Training Information Session -

President Heffner reiterated the value of attending the upcoming session and correspondingly emphasized the importance of IBN

VI. Announcements / Good Of The Order / Adjournment -

President Heffner noted an upcoming April 4th - April 6th Chair Academy

President Heffner noted that the FA President and FA President-Elect will visit the February 21st, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting

President Heffner noted that the February 21st, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting will be conducted at the Southern & Dobson campus

Motion to adjourn the meeting was advanced

Motion was unanimously approved

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.