Faculty Senate Meeting
March 20th, 2014

Members Present:

Christine Beckman, Marie Brown, Elliot Cherner, Linda Collins, Pam Harrison, Kevin Healy, Lutfi Hussein, Loretta Kissell, Jeff Messer, Paul Nunez, Denise Quintrell, Frederick Schineller, & Robert Soza,

Department Chair Association (DCA) Liaison:

Debra Bitter

Guests:

Dr. Brian Dille, Informed Improvement

Dr. Dille proceeded to review the current timeline for Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation

Dr. Dille reminded the Senate that HLC accreditation involves both 1) an assurance component and 2) a project component

Dr. Dille noted that work on the assurance component began approximately one (1) year ago

Dr. Dille additionally noted that an informed improvement project continues to progress yet the current, primary emphasis is directed toward the assurance component of the accreditation process

Dr. Dille indicated that evidence-gathering for the assurance component is ongoing and that a draft of the improvement project will be prepared during summer 2014

Dr. Dille emphasized that an “accreditation carnival” will be held during November 2014

Dr. Dille specified that an HLC accreditation team visit will take place during the Spring 2015 semester

Dr. Dille transitioned to a discussion of a “gap analysis”

Dr. Dille noted the existence of a document that addressed perceived gaps such as a gap in student services awareness and corresponding utilization of such services

Dr. Dille asked the Senate to consider appointing a Senator who can engage in a series of conversations addressing student services and additional, related gap issues
Dr. Dille additionally addressed data governance

Dr. Dille noted the institution’s current absence of data governance standards

Dr. Dille noted a corresponding intent to develop data governance standards

Dr. Dille described evolving data governance principles; representative principles include security and ethics, for example,

Dr. Dille invited Senators to read an existing, initial draft of a data governance resource and to provide subsequent feedback

One senator noted that the aforementioned resource contributes to a sense of trust and transparency

Finally, Dr. Dille addressed the “4 C’s” of communication, critical thinking, civic engagement, and cultural / global engagement

Dr. Dille emphasized that courses will need to be prepared for formal assessment

Dr. Dille reviewed an initiative in which one 100-level course and one 200-level course within a discipline will be utilized for the purpose of refining / improving courses to meet the four competencies

Dr. Dille noted that the Student Outcomes Committee (SOC) will be visiting departments in order to guide and structure the initiative

A senator suggested that the selected 100- and 200-level courses should not be courses that currently articulate with other educational institutions

I. General -

A) Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

B) Approval of the Agenda -

A motion to approve the agenda was advanced

One addition was proposed to New Business, Part B, “Senate Vacancy”

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended
C) Approval of Minutes -

A motion to approve the March 6th, 2014 meeting minutes was advanced.

An amendment was offered in order to indicate “Mr. John Seims” as compared to “Dr. John Seims”.

The motion was unanimously approved with three (3) abstentions.

II. Reports -

A) President’s Report - Paul Nunez

President Nunez reminded Senators that he recently forwarded a draft of the rationale for a revised staffing process.

President Nunez indicated that the proposed change is a very significant change and asked Senators to share the draft with zone constituents.

President Nunez noted that there has been relatively minimal discussion of MCC’s budget in recent President’s Cabinet’s meetings.

One senator asked how it is possible to be relatively unaware of an institution’s current fiscal state.

One senator indicated that a recent Red Mountain campus forum included a statement that specific information regarding the upcoming fiscal year budget may not be available until August 2014.

President Nunez assured Senators that he would share any and all budget-related information that is communicated to him.

It was proposed and agreed that Mr. Jeff Darbut should be invited to an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

President Nunez noted an upcoming April 1st, 2014 forum designed to address the ongoing Meet-&-Confer process and asked Senators to inform constituents about the upcoming forum.

President Nunez reminded Senators of the evolving Peer Assistance and Review Committee (PARC) process.

One senator indicated that the PARC will involve approximately twenty-to-twenty-five members.
President Nunez noted that even-numbered zones will conduct Senate elections later this semester

B) Vice President’s Report - Robert Soza

Vice President Soza requested that Senators challenge their zone constituents to contemplate the Meet-&-Confer issue generation cycle

Vice President Soza asked Senators to consider committees that should include Faculty Senate representation

Vice President Soza noted that a document specific to the Academic Master Plan is available for review and will be disseminated to specific Senators, DCA members, and President’s Cabinet members with a corresponding goal of securing feedback by April 1st, 2014

Vice President Soza additionally noted that the Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA) committee will be meeting on Monday, March 24th, 2014

C) Recording Secretary’s Report - Jeff Messer

Recording Secretary Messer indicated that he will submit approved March 6th, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for posting to the MCC Faculty Senate Internet site and will prepare a draft of March 20th, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration at the April 3rd, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

D) Treasurer’s Report - Phil Waclawski

No report

E) Past-President’s Report - Jeff Andelora

No report

F) Department Chair Association Liaison Report - Debra Bitter

No report
G) Faculty Senate Committees -

1) Faculty Staffing
2) Committee’s Committee
3) Faculty Travel
4) Honors Program Advisory Committee
5) Student Outcomes
6) CTL Advisory
7) Professional Right and Responsibilities
8) Faculty Social

President Nunez noted that the Center for Teaching-&-Learning (CTL) Advisory Committee conducted a recent meeting.

One senator noted an evolving initiative which would involve MCC faculty profiles in an attempt to not only recognize faculty but also promote the college.

The senator emphasized that the CTL constitutes a fantastic resource for promoting and evolving a faculty profile initiative.

It was specified that feedback regarding the aforementioned rationale for a redesigned faculty staffing process should be directed to John Seims by Thursday, March 27th, 2014 with the associated expectation that a revised document would be provided to Faculty Senate by April 3rd, 2014.

III. Old Business -

A) Academic Master Plan (Standing Agenda Item - Robert Soza) -

Already discussed

B) Distinguished Faculty Award (progress) -

Already discussed

C) Maricopa Priorities: Status - Janice Pierson, Paul Nunez

President Nunez noted that the Maricopa Priorities initiative is progressing effectively.

A senator asked if there is an awareness of the outcomes that will evolve from the Maricopa Priorities initiative.
D) Reorganization of the Office for Scheduling and Curriculum: Linda Collins -

No update

E) Operational Planning and Budget Committee: Update -

Already discussed

IV. New Business -

A) Survey Monkey Paid Account: Anonymous Voting -

President Nunez reminded Senators that voting for a Faculty Senator must be an anonymous process and asked if the Survey Monkey tool can both ensure anonymous voting and preclude repeat votes

President Nunez asked and received assurance that a senator would explore the issue and corresponding, potential options to ensure anonymity and preclude repeat voting would be evaluated

B) Senate Vacancy -

President Nunez noted that one Senator is unlikely to be able to continue through the remainder of the current academic year

President Nunez affirmed his commitment to follow the process codified in the Faculty Senate constitution

V. Information / Discussion -

A) Shared Governance Model -

President Nunez noted that a committee intends to evolve a shared governance resource in the very near future

A senator asked how it can be possible that a student can be registered for a course that concludes at a specific time in addition to being registered for a distinct course that initiates at precisely the time that the first course concludes

VI. Zone and At-Large Reports and Significant Happenings / Issues –

No reports
VII. Zone Issues for Reporting Out from Today’s Meeting -

A) Send out the Template

B) DL Lists

VIII. Announcements / Good Of The Order / Adjournment -

President Nunez noted that the next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for April 3rd, 2014, will be conducted at the Southern and Dobson campus, and will initiate at 3:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was advanced

The motion was unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.