Faculty Senate Meeting
April 18th, 2013

Members Present:

Christine Beckman, Marie Brown, Debra Campbell, Delaine Gilcrease, Kevin Healy, Keith Heffner, Loretta Kissell, Sally Kroelinger, Charles Lewis, Jeff Messer, Paul Nunez, Frederick Schineller, Robert Soza, Phil Waclawski, & Eddie Webb

DCA Liaison:

Steve Budge

GUEST:

Dr. James Mabry, Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), -
Program Prioritization Process Draft

Dr. Mabry indicated that the process of drafting the evolving prioritization resource demands considerable feedback from all stakeholders

Dr. Mabry similarly indicated that several individuals have asked about the primary purpose or purposes of constructing a prioritization process

Dr. Mabry noted Dr. Glasper’s associated goals include optimizing processes that contribute to fulfilling the district’s mission

Dr. Mabry similarly noted that Dr. Glasper has not discussed any financial motivation or orientation that could attach to the prioritization process

One senator shared a general albeit significant sense of constituent concern and lack of understanding of the evolving process

Dr. Mabry reiterated that there has been faculty participation throughout this process

Another senator expressed strong support for the process assuming that the process is both college-based and faculty-based

Dr. Mabry emphasized that process evolution at the individual college level is essential to the success of the broader, evolving process

Dr. Mabry noted, for example, the need for and value of instituting a codified process for allocating financial resources across various programs, strategic initiatives, etc.
One senator inquired as to the timeline for implementing a formal prioritization process

The senator noted that committee selection, for example, will likely begin during the upcoming summer

Dr. Mabry indicated that such selection might initiate in the summer with ensuing work to be initiated during the Fall 2013 semester

Dr. Mabry reiterated yet again the importance of faculty feedback in support of the process

One senator noted that the conversations and rubrics that attend to this process should be publicly available such that any and all interested parties can review the specific bases for prioritization decisions

Another senator expressed the hope that the evolving prioritization process will not be primarily directed toward a goal of systematically managing and allocating limited financial resources

Yet another senator articulated a concern regarding a potential profit / loss approach to prioritization decisions

Dr. Mabry emphasized that a strict financial orientation cannot fundamentally shape the development of a prioritization process yet indicated that operating efficiently is increasingly essential in an environment characterized by relatively limited financial resources

A senator suggested that stakeholders might be more receptive to the evolving prioritization process if the process is explicitly related to a broader vision, mission, and values

Another senator asked if the draft development committee has considered utilizing the Interest-Based Negotiation (IBN) process within the broader prioritization process

President Heffner reiterated a prior request for Senators to complete the prioritization process survey

Dr. Mabry also emphasized that prioritization will ultimately be carried out at the individual college level

I. General

   A) Meeting called to order at 3:46 p.m.
B) Approval of the Agenda -

A motion to approve the agenda was advanced

A senator proposed the elimination of Section V. Item B. Program Prioritization Process Draft

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended

C) Approval of Minutes -

President Heffner indicated that April 4th, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes will be approved via electronic mail

II. Reports

A) Department Chair Association Liaison Report - Steve Budge

DCA Liaison Budge reviewed a recent discussion involving scheduling

President Heffner noted the existence of a plan to improve the scheduling process

DCA Liaison Budge expressed a more general concern regarding administration communication specific to issues such as program prioritization, ramifications of the Affordable Health Care Act (AHA), etc.

DCA Liaison Budge noted that DCA remains concerned regarding the issue of underage students

President Heffner noted that a Frequently-Asked-Question (FAQ) resource specific to the Affordable Health Care Act will be forthcoming in the near future

B) President’s Report - Keith Heffner

President Heffner asked for feedback regarding a recently-distributed curriculum committee resource

President Heffner reviewed a recent Occupational Dean search in which one finalist has been forwarded to President Pan for consideration

President Heffner indicated that there has been good response and significant voting in the Faculty Senate elections thus far
President Heffner noted that the Faculty Executive Council (FEC) outgoing meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013

President Heffner indicated his desire to serve as a Faculty Senate Past-President and associated desire to serve as a resource as Faculty Senate transitions to new leadership

C) President-Elect’s Report - Paul Nunez

President-Elect Nunez reviewed a recent FEC meeting

President-Elect Nunez noted the formation of a district-level committee tasked with considering developmental education

D) Recording Secretary’s Report - Jeff Messer

Recording Secretary Messer indicated that he will post approved April 4th, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes subsequent to formal, electronic mail approval of the aforementioned minutes as per President Heffner’s prior directive

E) Business Secretary’s Report - Marie Brown

Business Secretary Brown indicated that the recent Faculty Social was both successful and enjoyable

Business Secretary Brown noted that she has thirteen (13) retirees slated for plaque receipt at the year-concluding brunch

F) Treasurer’s Report - Phil Waclawski

Treasurer Waclawski indicated that the FEC rebate for Faculty Association (FA) dues was approximately $3,400.00

G) Past-President’s Report - Vacant

No report
H) Zone and At-Large Reports and Significant Happenings / Issues -

One senator shared constituent concern regarding ExpressScript

Another senator noted a very recent, inconvenient series of power outages

President Heffner noted that the issue of power outages is being investigated

One senator noted that counseling faculty will be using considerable library space in the near future and that such utilization will reduce the physical space available for student study purposes

I) 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 Heffner indicated that the Faculty Staffing Committee has completed its residential faculty request rankings and will correspondingly report to Faculty Senate in the near future

President Heffner shared a note from Bob Sampson in which Mr. Sampson reviewed 2012 – 2013 awards for registration fees, travel, and summer projects

President Heffner approved and the Faculty Senate has endorsed the new Student Outcomes Committee (SOC) Chair.

III. Old Business -

A) Senate Bank Accounts: Update -

Previously-discussed
B) Senate Budget -

One senator noted that a Faculty Senate allocation to support a student scholarship represents an astute commitment of Faculty Senate financial resources.

Another senator instituted a motion to reintroduce funding for student scholarship support and subsequently offered an amendment in order to propose a $1,000 amount.

Senators unanimously passed the motion and corresponding amendment.

One senator proposed that the Distinguished Faculty Award (DFA) remain as a budget line item.

President Heffner reviewed the proposed budget line-items and subsequently sought Senate approval for the proposed budget.

The proposed budget as modified was unanimously approved for submission to the new incoming Senate on May 2nd.

C) Learning Master Plan (Standing Agenda Item - Robert Soza) -

Senator Soza indicated that he will disseminate a draft resource for Senator review in the very near future.

IV. New Business -

A) Committee’s Committee -

Senators agreed to convene a committee meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, 2013 at 9:15 a.m.

B) Zone Elections Update -

Previously-discussed.

V. Information / Discussion

A) Affordable Health Care Act (AHA) and Part-Time Load

One senator shared a question regarding differentiation of load limits for non-teaching and teaching responsibilities.

B) FEC Update -
Previously-discussed

C) Meet-&-Confer: Information and Questions -

President Heffner reviewed a recent Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) Governing Board vote to increase tuition and indicated that the Board delayed a vote on the property tax levy until late-April; consequently, there will be a delay in a related vote to ratify the Residential Faculty Policies (RFP)

VI. Announcements / Good Of The Order / Adjournment -

President Heffner noted that the May 2nd, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting will be conducted at the Southern-&-Dobson campus

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Outgoing Senate
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Incoming Senate

A motion to adjourn the meeting was advanced

The motion was unanimously approved

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