WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE
WINLOCK LOUNGE
May 25, 2010
12:45 – 3:00 PM
Approved

“Developing as Professionals & Producing Better Student Outcomes”

Present: Patterson, Rod, President; Thomas, Lloyd, Vice President; Sweeney, Joyce, Secretary; Simone, Yvonne, Treasurer (excused); Crippens, Eloise; Barragan, Norma; Blustein, Bonnie, Butler, Marcus; Chow, Judy; Feinermann, Scott; Hager, Robert; Jacobs, Betty; Leonard, Fran; Lin, Ken; Nicholas, Vanita; Riesberg, Curt; Williams, Corey; Young, Helen; Dubois, May; Foster, Adrienne;

Absent: Anders, Bruce; Bucher, William; Chiang, Ana; Elahi, Faz; Haley, Thomas; Kamibyashi, Lisa; Riesberg, Curt; Siever, Patricia; Yan, George;

Guests: Mark Rocha; Brandy Ruiz; Rebecca Tillberg, Peter Miele, Patricia Morris

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 P.M., with a quorum present, by the Senate President, Rod Patterson.

I. 1. A modified Agenda was approved in order to hear noticed motions after item

V. MSP

II. Dr. Rocha began his remarks with congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board. Tomorrow, May 26, 2010, the Board of Trustees shall be holding their monthly meeting here on West's campus. The new road and the Science/Math Building will be open for inspection. There will be a formal open meeting at 3:30 PM for all to attend. The Supplemental Environmental Report has all but been concluded. The final report is anticipated for August.

A reminder of the Foundation Gala to be held on Saturday, June 5th was made.

The next step for the Basic Skills program is to complete a comprehensive, integrated plan by Fall Semester, 2010. A faculty group will assemble this summer to work on this plan.

II. No public speakers at this time.

III. ASO President reported that the Multicultural Affair will be held this afternoon, starting a 2 PM and continuing through the evening, featuring food and entertainment.

IV. President's Report – Mr. Patterson high-lighted points from his emailed report. The Podcast of the English Davidson's SLO report will be published on website.

Commencement news is that there is yet no speaker for the event and that there will be more students participating than ever before. Marshalls have been selected.

Commencement shall begin at 5 PM.
Vice President's Report – Patricia Siever sent a picture of the faculty of Mission College when Lloyd Thomas started his career with the LACCD. This picture included several faculty and administration members that are now or have been here at West.

Treasurer's Report – The West Los Angeles College Senate awarded three scholarships of $300 each to Ingrid Escobar, Kateryna Gaponova and Stefan Stitch. As of this date, the Academic Senate has $1,506.49 in the bank.

VII. SENATE NOTICED MOTIONS – 15 MIN

1. Move: that the Senate authorizes the Senate Executive Committee to act on its behalf from the end of the Spring Semester 2010 until the beginning of the Fall Semester 2010 MSP.

2. Move: that the Senate approves the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee from its May 26th meeting. This motion was postponed since the committee will not finish its work until tomorrow's meeting.

3. Move: that the Academic Senate recommends approval of the merging of the Hospitality and Travel Programs into the Business Division, effective Fall Semester 2010. Substitute motion: The Academic Senate recommends that all courses and faculty in Aviation, Hospitality and Travel Programs (that are not currently part of any division) should be assigned to the Business Division. Discussion of the substitute motion reiterated that currently Aviation, Hospitality and Travel are not part of any viable Division. Senator Butler asked for more data, but was asked what date was being requested. Chair Nicholas stated that Aviation, as indicated through the former chair of the group of Aviation, Hospitality and Travel, Scott Feinermann, wants to be included in the merger plans. The question was called for and the Substitute Motion was passed. MSP The Academic Senate had recommended that, beginning Fall Semester 2010, a viability study should be conducted on courses in the three areas of Aviation, Hospitality and Travel. Chair Nicholas declared that there is no legal standing for a viability study at this point. The Motion was then recalled by it's maker – the Executive Committee.

4. Move: that the Academic Senate approves the awarding of an appropriate associate’s degree to Mr. and Mrs. Daisaku Ikeda, whose contributions and efforts to educate the West Los Angeles College community about the environment, poverty, peace and other world issues are most appreciated. (Reference: Education Code Sec. 72122; LACCD Board Rule 2315). In discussion it was asked what specifically have the Ikeda's done for West Los Angeles College. It was answered that they have donated books to the library. There were multiple handouts distributed in support of the recommendation that the degrees be awarded to the Ikeda's for their world-wide good works. The vote was 7 aye, 4 nay, and 3 abstain.

   It was then recommended that criteria be established for awarding or recommending any future degrees to outside entities.

5. It was moved that the Distance Education Committee be constituted as a part of the College Council. The Union has established its own committee for the Distance Learning courses as taught at West. This union committee is to be chaired by Alice
Taylor. A substitute motion was offered that the Distance Education Committee become a standing Senate Committee, reporting directly to the Senate. The question was called for and passed. MSP Mr. Patterson requested that the Distance Learning Committee be reconstituted and commence meeting on a regular basis, reporting directly to the Senate.

6. Academic Rank Committee reported almost 100 adjunct assistant professorships were granted, besides the full assistant, adjunct and full professorships and three emeritus professorships.

7. The May meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be approved in September by the Senate. Mr. Thomas asked that chairs keep track of new courses added to curriculum so Eloise Crippens can check articulation and transferability. The deadline is June 30th this year for transfer. When an archived course has been reconstituted, it must be resubmitted for transferability.

8. Next Thursday the College Council will meet and discuss further plans for Accreditation compliance. The new list for writing the Basic Skills new plan includes Adrienne Foster, Betty Jacobs, Mary Jane McMaster, Holly Bailey-Hoffman, Clare Norris, Kathy Boutry, Thomas Harjuno, Vidya Swaminathan, Nancy Sandler, and Karen Quitschau. It was requested that someone from Counseling be included in this group.

9. May Dubois reported from the District Academic Senate that several retiring members were honored, including Rod Patterson. The A.A. Transfer Degree is now to be offered at all Community Colleges in California.

10. The new Educational Master Plan for West Los Angeles College was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

11. Funds are running out for specially funded programs, such as Pharmacy and Hollywood CPR. These positions must then apply for regular positions at the college through FPIP. A strategic committee is needed to look into this situation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 3:20 PM with and accolade for Rod Patterson

Next meeting: September, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Sweeney, Secretary