

**Los Angeles Southwest College**  
**Academic Senate**  
**Minutes of November 10, 2009**  
**SSC 315; 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Members Present, Executive Committee:** Allison Moore, President; Sabrena Turner-Odom, Vice President; Reggie Morris, Chair of Chairs; Linda Larson-Singer, DAS Representative, 1; Kathi Cliff, DAS Representative, 2; Joanna Mrava, Treasurer; Darren Cifarelli, Secretary; Hassan Elfarissi, Part-Time Faculty Representative.

**Members Absent, Executive Committee:** Al Reed, Jr., Past President; (Vacant), Parliamentarian.

**Members Present, Departmental and other Representatives:** Pat Lewis, Arts and Humanities; Nouha Toure & Majid Haghgoo, Business; LaShawn Brinson, Child Development; Ne'Keya Billingslea, English; LaVerne McField, Learning Assistance; Gabrielle Arvig, Library; Guadalupe Ramos, Math & Engineering; Catherine Azubuike, Nursing; Sioban Dillon, Full-time Representative, 1; Ernest Young, Part Time Representative, 2.

**Members Absent, Departmental and other Representatives:** (Vacant), Behavioral and Social Science; Igor Daza, Counseling; Robert Stewart, Natural Sciences, Health and PE; (Vacant), Full Time Representative 2.

**Other Faculty Present:** Erika Miller, Darlen Wooten, Mylo Egipciano, Sheila Johnson, Celeste Phelps, Glenn Yoshida, Leonard Apenahier, Rupa De, Akram Esmaeili, Alistair Callender, Philip Jones, Paul Doose, Rose Calderon.

**Guests Present, Administration:** Dr. Jack Daniels III, President; Dr. Mary Callahan, Interim Vice President.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Allison Moore, President of the Academic Senate.

**2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes:**

- The agenda was approved unanimously.
- Minutes from October 13, 2009, were approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's Report – Joanna Mrava:**

The report was approved unanimously. Our account balances are now closer to our goal of \$6000. We earned a whopping \$0.01 in interest, bringing our balance to \$5294.57. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues.

**4. Noticed Motions**

**A. Noticed Motion:** Educational Master Plan Committee Duties and Composition (Senate Executive Committee)

- Allison explained that the revision specifies a composition of 6 delineated faculty, reduces the overall number of members, includes Distance Education representation, and deletes obsolete reference to the "Partnership for Education."
- The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Noticed Motion:** Facilities Planning Committee Duties and Composition (Academic Senate Executive Committee)

- Allison explained that this revision adds a reference to Proposition AA and J to Proposition A, and changes a line in the "Outcomes" section to include the College Council in the routing of information and documents to the President. The composition is reduced from 19 members (17 voting) to 13 members (11 voting) with 4 members from the Senate.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

**5. Senate President's Report – Allison Moore:**

- Allison announced that the Board of Trustees meeting will occur on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and that the State Senate Plenary Session will be this weekend. She also requested volunteers to participate in the Faculty Teaching and Learning Program. Sioban Dillon commented that this program was great and resulted in the Freshman Experience research. Allison continued that the Faculty Hiring Committee may need to be reconvened to examine the prioritization process before we need the process. There was some

controversy last time, and we are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the previously-generated list. She requested volunteers for the EPAC Committee, Equivalency Committee, and Project Match Steering Committee.

#### **6. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jack Daniels, III, LASC President**

**A. College Reorganization Plan:** Dr. Daniels unveiled his reorganization plan for the college. Though not finalized, Dr. Daniels wants input and feedback by email or phone. The positions were determined by examining tasks performed by each position and what the necessary requirements or credentials to perform those tasks were. The major changes are that there is 1 Executive Vice President, not 3 regular VPs. There will be a Dean of Accreditation, a Compliance Officer at .5 or shared with another college, a College Financial Advisor (CFA), a Provost of Allied Health and Nursing a Director of Facilities. The 3 Academic Deans will be clustered differently, and Dev Com / Learning Assistance will be combined with the English and Foreign Language Dept.

- Concerns raised were that the merging of Basic Skills courses in Learning Assistance and English would be problematic. The concentration of Administration could result in more delegation down, creating more work for chairs and faculty. A forum is needed in the Senate Executive Committee, College Council, Curriculum, and SPC. We requested the tasks performed by each position to evaluate the reorganization plan more effectively. When questioned whether the salary savings would be given back to the district or reallocated on campus, Dr. Daniels stated that it would be reallocated.

**B. Middle College High School:** The old Middle College High School and new pool projects need faculty to join an advisory committee.

**C. Construction Update:** Solar panels will be connected on Sunday. Lot 1 will be done before the end of Winter break. The Performing Arts Training Center and Career and Tech Education (CTE) Building are progressing. The DB1 package should be ready by mid-February. Next on the remodeling list are: the LL Building, the Gym, and the Cox Building. The MLK Health Academy project has been stalled because 118<sup>th</sup> and Wilmington are within the Compton Community College district and they said no to our request. We are now looking into putting it on our campus near the current location of the construction trailers with the relocated Reprographics Center and food court.

#### **7. Standing Committee Reports:**

##### **A. Committees, Academic Senate, Sabrena Turner-Odom**

-Sabrena stated that there are 71 full time faculty at LASC and that she would be contacting the 17 full-timers who have not yet committed to a committee.

##### **B. Student Learning Outcomes, Dr. Glenn Yoshida**

-Glenn reported that the SLO Committee has adopted 4 charges: 1) To facilitate faculty and staff in the identification, assessment, and analysis of SLOs at all levels (course, program/service area, general education). 2) To develop and monitor the SLO timeline to meet "proficiency" level of SLO achievement by 2012. 3) To provide resources and workshops to assist faculty and staff with SLOs. 4) To generate SLO-related reports and investigate available assessment data management software. Also, online data collection enables cumulative reports; however, the cost of the software is prohibitive (\$20,000 start-up cost; 2-3,000 annual fee). Remember, the upcoming Accreditation requires that we show SLOs have been through 1 full cycle.

##### **C. Curriculum Committee, Linda Larson-Singer**

-Linda Larson-Singer reported that the report distributed contains only a summary of actions and not the minutes since the minutes have not been approved. Three new courses were approved, including Orientation to Disabilities, and the music major has been updated.

##### **D. Chairs Committee, Reggie Morris**

-No report given.

##### **E. District Academic Senate, Allison Moore, Sabrena Turner-Odom, Linda Larson-Singer, Kathi Cliff**

-No report given.

**F. Travel Committee, Kathi Cliff**

-No report given.

**G. Facilities Planning Committee, (Vacant)**

-No report given.

**H. Technology Committee, Carolyn Magee**

-No report was given.

**I. Budget Committee, Paul Doose**

-No report given.

**J. Distance Education Committee, James Hicks**

-No report given.

**8. Old Business: ESL Viability Study Update**

-None.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Spring Flex Day:** We are planning an agenda for Spring Flex Day, which will occur on February 4, 2010.

**10. Departmental Reports**

- Dr. Saakian, Math Dept. Chair, distributed a handout opposing the implementation of a Math Competency Exam enabling them not to take Intermediate Algebra. He stated that it is necessary for students to take Intermediate Algebra and above classes.

**11. Announcements**

- We are still in need of ad hoc committee members for the Faculty Committee.
- Philip Jones-Thomas has accepted the position of Program Review Chair.

**12. Adjournment**

- President Allison Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Minutes prepared by Darren Cifarelli

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009.**

History:

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