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Minutes of March 3, 2010

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
3:03	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes for 2/17/10		Motion for approval of the Minutes of 2/17/10 by P Buckley 2nd by R Whitfield Voice vote - Ayes unanimous
	President's Report	<p>J Stankas reported (see attachment) on District News concerning Parking Permits and Fees. C Huston enquired about availability of second permit. J Stankas stated that this is no longer an option. W Chatfield commented positively about the process used to reach consensus. P Buckley noted that there was no District Police participation in this decision. J Stankas also reported on the Classified Hiring Process (passed by District Assembly) and the Management Hiring Process (not passed by District Assembly) due to language Senate Presidents representative at second level interviews. K Kammer enquired about re-introducing a modified version. J Stankas stated that he would be meeting with Scott Rippey and Renee Brunell to try and reword this portion of the policy. Info about the '09 - '10 SBCCD Savings Plan. K Kammer noted the inequality in percent non-salary budget reductions between CHC, Valley, and District sites. J Stankas also noted the SERP deadline of yesterday and stated that 14 faculty from SBVC and 4 from CHC have indicated an interest in taking advantage of the SERP. M Klingstrand enquired about the number of positions abolished. J Stankas clarified that he thought that the Ad Hoc Committee for determining HR needs will be considering any unfilled current positions and those positions open due to retirements will be considered to be abolished. C Huston enquired about the faculty make-up of the committee. J Stankas responded that Richard Jaramillo, Jennifer Mendoza, Colleen Calderon, Paula Ferri-Milligan, and himself will be the members.</p>	
3:15	New Business	Motion to cancel March 17th meeting (Spring Break)	Motion to cancel March 17th meeting by C Huston 2nd by Everyone Voice vote - Ayes unanimous

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	New Business cont.	<p>District Strategic Planning (attachment) - J Stankas gave some historical perspective about the formation of this committee linked to the last accreditation report. He then reviewed the contents of this document. He also noted the occurrence of a campus wide meeting on this topic (March 10th) to receive input on this document as well as a survey. J Stankas also encouraged senators to email him or other members of the committee with feedback. J Stankas also explained that this report will be part of the progress report (due in Oct '10) to the Accreditation commission.</p>	
	Old Business	<p>Advancement in Rank - due by March 5th. J Stankas reported on info in regards to Professor Emeritus and stated that according to E Szumski, once an intent to retire has been made the individual may be nominated for Professor Emeritus. A Aguilar-Kitibutr enquired about eligibility of previous retirees. E Szumski stated that there is no time limit on the length of time after retirement. P Buckley asked about adjunct faculty, E Szumski stated that Board Policy allowed only tenured faculty to be considered.</p> <p>Student Success Data Study - (attachment) J Stankas reported on the study on student success data requested from J Smith by GE pattern. J Stankas offered the corresponding data by class available to anyone requesting it and will be emailing this data out to the faculty. The Ex Comm will be meeting to discuss the direction to move in based upon this information. R Pires enquired about the availability of similar data comparing on-line classes and face-to-face classes. J Stankas stated that such data could be acquired. There was clarification made about the cohort grouping. J Stankas stated the about 12% of the student population was not included due to lack of assessment data (from transferring in, etc). A Moore made the point that some CTE students seemed to be grouped inappropriately based upon a technical writing requirement. J Stankas stated that these data reflect courses in GE patterns only. A Aguilar-Kitibutr noted that a study of the success rate of CTE students entering GE courses as part of a AS degree program would be productive. J Stankas noted that this would be important in demonstrating the inter-dependency between programs that occurs with in the college. S Briggs noted that it might be important to disaggregate these data to see patterns within areas like CTE. There was some further discussion about the value of looking into natural pairings with Basic Skills classes and other classes. D Hook pointed out the limitations of viewing success by only evaluating by narrow measures (eg number of degrees). Further discussions occurred about the</p>	

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		Student Success Data Study cont. - logistics of rolling out increasing numbers of prerequisite for basic skills level courses.	

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3:47	Committee Reports	<p>Legislative Policy (AB440/SB1440) - Transfer Associate Degrees. A Moore reported on the contents of these two bills as an attempt at proscribing the minimum requirements of Transfer Assoc Degrees by the Legislature. These are a minimum of 60 units total transferable units, 18 units of which are in an discipline major, and meet some transfer agreement requirement. There is the option to allow colleges not to offer these degrees, however if a college chooses to offer them there may not be any additional local requirements added to the already established requirements. The State Academic Senate Ex Committee is soliciting input from the local AS to modify Title 5 in lieu of the legislative fix. The idea being that a Title 5 change will be more negotiable for future modification in needed. J Stanskas stated that this effort was made to produce more college degrees. R Pires commented about the possible consequences to such legislation on the mission of the community colleges. K Kafela added that transfer center directors statewide don't support this legislation due to the existence of transfer agreements.</p> <p>J Stanskas welcomed K Kafela and C Parish to the Senate as individuals filling some vacancies existing senators from Student Services.</p> <p>Basic Skills - J Mendoza reviewed the current activities of the committee linked with re-examining Assessment, and also Orientation through the work of an ad hoc committee. This work is being coordinated with the Matriculation Coordinator and the Dean of Counseling. Looking towards the '10 - '11 year look for input into innovative programs that look to improve the experiences of basic skills students.</p> <p>Curriculum Committee - R Whitfield announced that due to her retirement she will not be completing her term and her work will proceed through A Chatterjee's leadership.</p> <p>Program Review - C Huston noted that the pilot study of the refined process was in progress. Some important data was being gathered about the difficulty of accessing program data. She also noted the availability of a writing seminar for Program Review. First due date is March 22nd. D Hook expressed gratitude at the level of thought and organization that went into this pilot study.</p> <p>Professional Development - C Hunter thanked the On-line Committee for hosting the Blackboard Showcase and various</p>	

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	Committee Reports	Professional Development cont. - faculty participation. C Hunter also reminded senators about the Accessibility and Compliance in teaching and learning strategies presentation on 3/10, 1-4pm PS 141.	
4:09	Additional Reports	College President - Pres Daniels had a prior commitment. J Hansen provide a brief construction up-date. Science Bldg will be having flooring poured within the month. LEED modifications are also being considered. Occupation is expected in the summer of '11. Media Building is almost complete (except tech core improvements and KVCR). Fall Semester classes will be offered in the building. North Hall Replacement building will also be ready by Fall '10. Geotechnical drilling associated with the new parking structure (in area of Parking Lot 8). After Science Bldg is completed the existing Chem, Physics, and North Hall will be demolished. Comprehensive signage program will be starting as will planning for a central plant for the campus. Architects have also been identified for the Business Bldg renovation and PE and pool projects. Outstanding issues on existing buildings will be moving forward. J Hansen noted the removal of rocky areas by FEMA buildings.	
	SBCCD-CTA	P Buckley announced the 3/5 meeting reviewing benefits of Union membership. One week remaining on nominations for the Awards Ceremony.	
	Public Comments	Judith Ashton introduced Donna Faracon a new candidate for the Board of Trustees of the District and formerly a faculty member and Dean from CHC. Donna expressed an interest in getting to know Valley College better. From her background in the District she observed that the current Board make-up may be missing a voice with these experiences. W Chatfield asked about number of seats opening. D Faracon noted that 3 seats will be opening; D Singer, J Ramos, and C Terell (who is not running). D Faracon noted that part of her efforts now are aimed towards learning what she can offer to the District. Judy Jorgensen noted the awarding of a grant to construct a Culinary Arts Garden that will supply the program and Sun Room with fresh herbs and vegetables. The Architecture and Welding Arts Dept are already participating in the planning.	
4:24	Adjournment		

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