Minutes of April 20, 2011

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
3: 10	Call to Order	J Stanskas called the Senate to order.	
	President's Report	J Stanskas read his report (see attachment) consisting of the following topics; ASCCC Spring Plenary Session; a) Breakout sessions, i) Acceleration, ii) Mission of the CC, b) Resolutions. Acceleration - Descriptions concerning the identification of different strategies that may reduce student attrition within a class and/or increase retention between sequential courses. J Stanskas made the argument for supporting "experimental" approaches to piloting these options and measuring outcomes. S Briggs observed that some of the proposals for acceleration would necessitate changes in teaching load calculations. Additionally S Briggs recommended some advance preparation for students entering such accelerated courses might be wise in order to further inform these students about the unconventional nature of the courses and to provide a refresher before entry into accelerated courses. Mission of the CC - J Stanskas addressed the narrowing of the mission of the CCC, performance based funding (see SB 1143), cost savings in CCC, and other possibilities in regards to these trends. Resolutions - J Stanskas reviewed the passed resolutions that were discussed at the previous Acad Senate meeting.	

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	New Business	Field Trips for Students - See attachment reviewed the new field trip waiver of claims acknowledgement. Internal inconsistencies with the waiver and ramifications in light of requirement for student health coverage was also highlighted. Lack of consultation by an administer of this policy (i.e. Deans and faculty). AP 2225 - Economic and Workforce Development Coordinating Committee (EWDCC) See attachment J Stanskas expressed a concern about a mechanism for establishing the placement of courses into either not for credit or credit/non credit categories. He observed that currently the EDCT offers not for credit courses (i.e. pay for service courses). These not for credit courses are not required to go through a college curricular process or review by faculty before offering the class. Credit/Non credit course are subject to review by the college curricular process and also to faculty review. Questions have previously been raised about classes appropriate for the not for credit category. J Stanskas also reviewed the process at other CCC that allow for the movement of certain courses into and out of these categories based upon the FTES goals of the particular CC. The suggestion is to modify the charge of the committee to encompass a review of proposed courses by faculty through a curricular process. The membership of a CTA official also seem to be lacking in this policy. It was suggested that this be referred to Ed Policy.	Motion - T Heibel moved that the District Assembly representative be directed to raise questions about the process followed for developing the Field Trip Waiver Form and ask for clarification about its contents. 2nd - A Aguilar-Kitibutr Vote - Ayes unanimous. Motion - A Aguilar-Kitibutr moved that Economic and Workforce Development Coordinating Committee (EWDCC) statement be moved to Ed Policy for review. 2nd - M Ikeda Vote - Ayes Unanimous.
	Old Business	District Assembly Update - W Chatfield presented information in regards to two topics that were on the agenda at District Assembly. Use of social security numbers on documents update, and the District Authorized Drivers Policy. A subcommittee of District Assembly has been looking into removing use of any part of social security numbers on any documents in the District, or to request services from DCS. District Authorized Drivers Policy - a formal proposal regarding identification of drivers who are eligible for authorization was identified as overly intrusive. A revised proposal is to have drivers who seek District Authorization view a defensive driving training video and take and pass a short quiz (every 3 years). A review of the conditions where faculty need to be authorized was reviewed. A Au expressed some concern that an additional layer of demonstrated competence in driving ability (above the DMV oversight) was needed. W Chatfield stated that this was an attempt to show due diligence by the District, to the insuring body in an effort to reduce insurance rates. S Briggs expressed her skepticism of the requirement for this extra diligence. Pres Daniels stated that the intent for this extra diligence to reduce insurance rates. Computer Use Policy was passed.	Motion - J Notorangelo moved to recommend that W Chatfield vote in favor of adopting the new requirements of the District Authorized Drivers Policy if is less than 1 hour. 2nd - K Barnett Vote - Ayes Majority. 1 Abstention.

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	Committees	Ed Policy - no report Personnel Policy - no report Career and Tech Ed - no report Financial Policy - no report Equity and Diversity - no report Legislative Policy - no report Elections - no report Basic Skills - J Stanskas gave an update about the DCS ability for reprogramming the computers to support checking for orientation and assessment prior to registration. A conversation has been started with Glen Kuck to re-prioritize workload of DCS persons to support this change. J Stanskas suggested that the language stating the requirement for orientation and assessment be included in the College Catalog to encourage student participation. Curriculum - no report Program Review - no report Professional Development - no report	
	Additional Reports	College Pres Report - Pres Daniels reported on the Flex Day activities. She also reviewed further process related to the Program Discontinuance recommendations. The recommendation was reviewed and supported by College Council. Pres Daniels stated her intent to follow these recommendations and have a written plan of action for the monitoring of the programs placed on hiatus by the next Academic Senate meeting. G Mack enquired about any further news from Sacramento about the tax extension. Pres Daniels had heard no additional info about this, and in light of this, the college is proceeding with the Plan B budget scenario and working on developing the budget. A report coming for the next meeting. SBCCD-CTA - no report. J Stanskas reminded Senators to read the email concerning the MOU between District and the Union in regards to health insurance. District Assembly (see Old Business above)	
	Public Comments		

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	Annouce- ments	Ailsa Aguilar-Kitibutr offered congratulations to the newly tenured faculty. J Stanskas reminded Senators to attend Spotlight on Success. He also stated that the last Academic Senate meeting will be on May 4 (possibly in Sun Room depending upon the availability of cookies). J Stanskas reminded Senators to invite the newly elected Senators (from the Divisions) to that meeting. T Heibel reminded Senators that on Thurs, May 26, from 12 to 2:30 Alpha Gamma Sigma will be sponsoring a brunch for the graduates. Todd asked for volunteer from faculty for help in serving.	
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