Del Mar College Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes for Friday, November 6, 2009  
East Campus, White Library, LIB 442

Present: Laura Day Brown (Chair, AS1), Amorette Garza (Secretary, AS2), Merry Bortz (Parliamentarian, C&L), William Lipman (AS2), Doug Jordan (AS1), Eloisa Garcia (BPT2), Ben Gregory (BPT1), Patrick McBride (BPT3), Ron Huskin (AS4), Janell Bennett (BPT2), Ann Thorn (BPT3)

Absent: Raquel Tapia (Asst. Chair, BPT2) – proxy to Eloisa Garcia, Jim Diehl (BPT1) – proxy to Ben Gregory (BPT1), Vernon Kramer (AS3), Gerald Sansing (AS3) – proxy to Ann Thorn, Shawnee Jones Bonnette (AS3) – proxy to Amorette Garza, Renato Ramirez (AS4),

Guests: Chris Tetzlaff-Belhasen, David Abarca, Eva Muniz, Joe Dudek, John Johnson, Maria Salinas, Vickie Natalie, James Klein, Theresa Klein, Lynn Sansing

I. Call to order at 2:00pm  
II. Quorum Call  
III. Special Report – Dr. Sloan, 2:10pm

Dr. Sloan discusses the 2009/2010 budget with an overview of the presentation given at the town hall meeting. See Power point notes in attachments (A1).

IV. Public Comments 3:13pm

A. Eva Muniz asks about minutes on-line. She wanted to review them to see if faculty has rallied over salary steps. Merry Bortz replies that as of this morning, minutes from September and October are posted, earlier months need to be checked.

ACTION: L. Day Brown will follow-up with the recommendations from Joe Dudek concerning faculty class size and load.

V. Approval of Minutes, 3:17pm

ACTION: Doug Jordan motions to accept the minutes of the previous FC meeting. Ben Gregory seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Minutes are approved.

VI. Officers’ Reports, 3:20pm

L. Day Brown discusses meeting of officers with President Escamilla. Escamilla is receptive to meeting more regularly with FC officers and L. Day Brown will drop in regularly to communicate with the President.
Ron Huskin asks questions about reorganization under the new VPI. President Escamilla stated that there might be, but he was leaving that to the new VPI.

Ann Thorn had done some research regarding the policy change procedures used in the past. The recent policy change form shows Faculty Council as being non-applicable. The main issue is the process. Do we want to be eliminated in the process? There should be some language in policy that clarifies the procedure for policy changes. G. Sansing has a proposal for a Faculty Council committee to aid the President.

**ACTION:** Consensus for officers to review all this info and call members for some more input to ask the President in regards to the previous issue.

VII. **FC Standing Committees 3:45pm**
For website updates, chairs of committees are in bold:
Faculty Evaluation & Academic Promotion – **Ann Thorn** *(Ann Thorn and Vernon Kramer will meet with existing committee that is chaired by Mary Ann Williams)*
Financial Concerns – **Renato Ramirez** *(Responsible for bringing Dr. Sloan to speak on financing)*
Promotion Appeals Selection Committee – **Vernon Kramer** *(no report)*
Rules Review – **Merry Bortz**
  *Rules committee unanimously declined to offer additional language regarding unexcused absences. This is the highest level document that must be voted by the whole faculty, and such a change would weaken the constitution. Unexcused/excused absences are within the purview of the chair to determine.*

In regard to the distribution of faculty members, there is not enough info at this time and this issue will be on hold for new Provost, in case of reorganization.

In regard to election processes, special election applies to cases other than expiration of term. Some ideas to consider in cases of no nominees are:

1. Extension of nomination period.
2. If no nominees are coming in, then begin recruiting during this period.

*The Committee offers two options, see attachment for draft of proposed language.*

Committee on Committees – **Raquel Tapia** *(committees and members in place)*

VIII. **FC College Standing Committee Reports**
QEP – *(V. Kramer) work on measurable outcomes*
Tech – (V. Kramer) Meeting on Thursday
Faculty POD- (M. Bortz) 2 POD grants, 2 NISOD apps, 2 Piper apps.
Academic Standards Election – (M. Bortz) 87 Eligible, 69 nominated, 30 accepted nominations, on track to count ballots on Monday, 11.9.2009 with A. Garza
Student Learning and Assessment- (A. Thorn, E. Garcia) are meeting w/ Dr. Woods and will meet with Risa Knight

IX. Unfinished Business
   Election procedure guidelines discussed previously (see above)

X. New Business
   A. Thorn discusses inclusion of Community Colleges into TCFS, Texas Council of Faculty Senates. Previously only for Universities. This would be a great benefit to DMC and faculty. TCFS is looking forward to DMC becoming part of their association. Consider attending conference in Austin, February 26, 27 2010.

XI. Announcements
   Seminar: Achieving Goals in the Midst of Change with Roger Reese, ET West Campus, Saturday, 11.7.09, 3-5pm.

XII. Adjournment 4:32pm