Del Mar College Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2009

Members Present: Laura Day Brown (AS1), Raquel Tapia (BPT2), Merry Bortz (CL), Ed Cohn (BPT3), Jim Diehl (BPT1), Ruby Estrada (BPT2), Neil Flory (AS2), Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez (AS1), Ben Gregory (BPT1), Ron Huskin (AS4), Vernon Kramer (AS3), Renato Ramirez (AS4), Ann Thorn (BPT3), Tom Matula (past chair)

Members Absent: Eloisa Garcia (BPT2), Amorette Garza (AS2), Doug Jordan (AS1), Rex McAliley (AS3)

Proxies: Doug Jordan’s proxy carried by Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez; Rex McAliley’s proxy was carried by Vernon Krammer

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM

II. Report from ISD meeting

Student and faculty participation was encouraged in the Community College Legislative Day in Austin. Meals and transportation are provided. Those interested were directed to contact the Office of the Vice President of Student Services.

Over 500 students registered at the Saturday arena registration. Due to some issues regarding student tuition payments, some future adjustments to the process will be considered.

Advising begins April 13. The new catalog will have narrative changes written in the second person. It is due to be ready in March.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Faculty Evaluation and Academic Promotion
The policy changes related to Evaluation of Faculty were discussed. Language related to the duties of Counselors and Librarians will be presented at a later date.
A motion to approve the policy changes was made by Ruby Estrada and seconded by Renato Ramirez. Motion passed.
In favor: Bortz, Cohn Diehl, Estrada, Flory, Gregory, Gonzales-Hernandez, Huskin, Kramer, Ramirez, Tapia; Opposed: None; Abstain: Jordan, McAliley, Thorn

B. Promotion Appeals Committee
Tabled as key committee members were not in attendance

IV. Announcements

Dr. Patty Walters has submitted surveys to each department related to the QEP. Several have not been returned. She asked that faculty seek out their department’s contact person and provide feedback for the survey.

[Something about Dr. Irma Woods and the Assessment of Student Learning mentioning SACS, Dr. Woods and Dr. David Arreguin is unreadable.]
Chair Day Brown announced that President Escamilla has requested faculty to serve on a committee to review the Out-of-District fees. [A second committee was also mentioned, but it's not in the notes and I don't remember what it was.] A discussion followed in regards to the impact of high out-of-district fees and circumstances surrounding the marked rise in the fees.

A concern was raised about a pamphlet distributed by the Division of Student Services called “Managing Distressed Students: A Guide for Faculty and Staff.” Concerns surrounded faculty liability in regards to identifying or failing to identify a student as well as faculty competencies to evaluate a student. Others attempted to allay fears in that the brochure is meant to be informational not prescriptive.

There has been information that another method for surveying student satisfaction using Scantron’s Classroom Climate may replace IDEA. Some faculty have expressed concern about losing the IDEA. Faculty are encouraged to attend the Classroom Climate presentation on 2/5/09.

Bortz reported that she has attended a training for the new portal software that will replace the current MyDMC portal. The training centered around organization of the new portal. Members were encouraged to give suggestions to Bortz who would take them forward to the Portal Implementation Team.

Bortz announced that the Rules Committee was planning to meet to review the Bylaws. Members were encouraged to suggest areas of concern.

Krammer noted that the website was not up to date. The officers agreed to insure this was resolved.

V. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.