1. A specially called meeting of the Del Mar College Faculty Council was called to order by Chair Laura Parr at 2:57 P.M. A quorum of Faculty Council representatives was not in attendance so no votes were taken during the meeting.

2. Attendees:
   a. Faculty Council Members:
      ii. Absent: Stephen Ondrejas, Lisa Welch, Jackie Bailey, Rita Orchard, Donna Hamil, Walter Thieme, Mary Ann Williams, Paul Bissell (proxy given to Chris Tetzlaff-Belhasen), Joe Dudek (proxy given to John Crisp), Anne Stewart (proxy given to John Crisp).
   b. Guests: Jose Rivera, Leonard Rivera, Mike Anzuldua, Benjamin Morin, George Dunson, Ann Thorn, Rosie Garcia, Mary Thornton, Eva Muniz, Jodi Lee Turetzky.

3. Interim Vice-President of Learning and Academic Affairs: The specially called meeting of the Faculty Council was to discuss the possible appointment of Rosie Garcia as interim Vice-President of Learning and Academic Affairs. Current interim Vice-President of Learning and Academic Affairs, Jose Rivera, told those present that after the search for a new Vice-President concluded in May the Search Committee decided that no recommendation could be made from the individuals who applied. Rivera said the application review eliminated most of the applicants because they were unable to meet the requirements of three years community college teaching experience and three years of community college administration experience. Rivera reported 36 applicants did not make the initial cut and that left 10 to review for the position. The V-P Search Committee made three recommendations after the search process ended — (1) start a new search for an academic vice-president, (2) broaden the guidelines, and (3) the College President should consult with an ad hoc committee from the V-P Search Committee in naming a new search committee and developing its responsibilities.

   Rivera said that after the work was finished he suggested to President Gustavo Valadez Ortiz that he choose someone from the faculty ranks to take over the position of interim academic vice-president. During discussions with the President, Rivera said the name of Rosie Garcia, Chair of the Department of Nurse Education, surfaced several times as a candidate. When Garcia was approached about taking the position, Rivera said she asked that the Chairs’ Council, APT, and Faculty Council be consulted to see if the groups supported her nomination. It was reported the Chairs’ Council supported the nomination unanimously with a resolution but only after Rivera and the President left the meeting.
After Rivera made his initial presentation Garcia spoke briefly. She told those present that she asked Valadez Ortiz why she was chosen for the position but that she still was not sure as to the reason. She then left after noting that she had asked for the various meetings to see if there was support in her accepting the position.

During the questioning of Rivera, he noted that it was his recommendation to nominate someone from faculty ranks rather than having the College’s three deans work as a unit or one dean to act as the interim academic vice-president. A question was asked as to which committee or who said this was the best course of action and Rivera responded that the question was not relevant. He said the Faculty Council’s only charge was to decide whether or not it supported the nomination of Garcia as the interim academic vice-president.

Concern was expressed that Garcia was being elevated to a position above a dean when she currently is ranked lower than a dean. It was reported that Valadez Ortiz said Garcia could apply for the vice-president’s position if she accepted the interim position. Rivera said Garcia had been offered the position of interim vice-president and that she accepted the nomination providing there is support from the three groups noted.

Once Rivera left the meeting discussion ensued as the appropriateness of the nomination. One question from the guests asked if such a move is justified to name Garcia and bypass others. An issue was also raised over Rivera’s comment that the Faculty Council was not to question the process but to merely decide if it would support Garcia or not. Chris Tetzlaff-Belhasen stated that the Council did not have to simply say “yes” or “no”. She said the Council should not be used as a rubber stamp.

Some options were discussed including asking the deans to share the responsibilities of the academic vice-president and have Rivera continue in his position as a coordinator. John Crisp noted that the Council had three issues facing it for the day – (1) do nothing further, even if there is a wish to support Garcia, because of the lack of a quorum, (2) the Council could reconvene at a later date and support Garcia providing she did not apply for the vice-president’s position, or (3) it could reconvene at a later date and endorse what the President suggested.

Mike Anzuldua asked if he might speak to the question and told the Council that the job description for the academic vice-president would bar Garcia being seriously considered for the position because of having a year or less of job experience providing the job advertisement did not drop the three-year requirement of administrative experience at the dean’s level. Crisp responded that the Faculty Council really had to stay on top of the ad if it is rewritten.

4. The specially called meeting of the Faculty Council ended at 4:38 with the announcement that an attempt would be made to meet again June 27th at 9 A.M. in the Teaching and Learning Center.

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