

Woodland Community College
ACADEMIC SENATE
Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2012

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Chahal (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ferns (Language Arts)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talwinder Chetra (Math and Science)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Clark (Vice President/at large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Clavere (Adjunct)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Wheeler (Adjunct, at large)
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Gassman (Social Sciences)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Ortiz (Student Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna McGill-Cameron (Business and Vocational Ed.)

Guests: Kayleigh Carabajal, Jaya Shah, Cristal Reyes

Call to Order at 1:02 p.m.

I. Approval of Agenda as Amended (Clark/Chetra)

II. Public Comment

- A. Chetra notes that minutes for various campus committees are in different places on the web site and the Portal. They can be difficult to find, and some committees don't post agendas or minutes anywhere.
- B. Chetra reports that BSI and Student Success committees have recommended jointly that they will merge and request 20% release time for the chair of the combined committees. This recommendation has gone to the administration.

III. Approval of Minutes for 10/12/12 (Clark/Wheeler).

IV. Academic Senate President's Report- Chahal (Attached at end of minutes)

V. Academic Senate Vice President's Report- Clark (Attached at end of minutes)

- A. Approvals for committee volunteers: McGill-Cameron is approved to the District Staff Development Committee and Ortiz is approved to the District EEO Committee.
- B. The Curriculum Committee is working on the definition of a "hybrid" course versus a "web-enhanced" course. This definition will be updated in CurricUNET.
- C. Regarding shared decision making from the Area A meeting, it appears that different colleges are interpreting AB 1725 differently. College presidents are not always adhering to the policy.
- D. Regarding adjunct faculty participation at the Area A meeting, the state senate considered but then refrained from voting on a 10% recommendation for the adjunct/full time faculty ratio on the Senate.

VI. New Business

- A. ASCCC Fall Plenary. Chahal will attend in the fall and will host an informational session prior to the event to solicit recommendations. Clark suggests that perhaps WCC would like to host a future area meeting, perhaps in the Fall of 2013.
- B. Waitlists. The YC Senate agreed that waitlist positions should be made available to students. Michael Plant has successfully implemented this change and students will be able to see their waitlist number when they sign up for classes in Spring 2013.

- C. Administrators as voting members of Curriculum Committee. Clark states that A. Konuwa and R. Besikof would like clarification as to whether they can vote on the committee. Right now the dean can vote but the VP cannot. Clark will follow up with the committee to determine the rationale as to why they would or would not be allowed to vote.
- D. Dataset from CLASS. K. Carabajal presented a dataset for the phase 3 reorganization, which would help prioritize student achievement by emphasizing the most essential/important courses for student success. The colleges will still have the final say as to which courses to prioritize, but the dataset will inform the decision and allow the district to make decisions with all the data in hand. Clark brings up some issues regarding transfer rates/transfer readiness: How will these be calculated? The issue of occupational outlook is also fairly vague. Clavere notes that economic trends change depending on the strength of the economy. How will we factor in that the outlook is a product of the current strength or weakness of the economy? McGill-Cameron notes that the emerging occupational cluster criteria needs to take a holistic approach rather than a narrowly focused approach. Ferns suggests that this criteria would need to be determined as a district to avoid pitting the departments of each college against each other. K. Carabajal notes that even though we have the criteria, we may wish to consider the potential for future growth of a program. She believes WCC would suffer very few losses using this new criteria in light of the fact that many WCC courses are already transfer/degree/certificate/GE/basic skills/CTE courses as opposed to electives. In addition, this new criteria may require the district to consolidate some CTE programs at one campus rather than spreading them out at two campuses. Chahal notes that if some CTE courses are offered at one campus but the program is housed at the other campus, the money for those courses would need to be fairly allocated to the campus that manages the program.
- E. Campus Climate. Consultant Patricia Johnson has been hired by the district to deal with some of the campus climate issues. This will be revisited in a future meeting. Senate members congratulate Yuba College for the commendation on campus climate received from the accreditation committee. WCC did not receive a commendation from the accreditation committee regarding campus climate. This is something WCC can aspire to during the next accreditation process.

Meeting Adjourned-3:08 p.m. (Wheeler/Clavere)

President's Report

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Tuesday, October 16

-Discussed John Thoo's suggestion that we "provide our retirees incentives to continue to share their experience, institutional memory, and wisdom after their retirement by providing perquisites that would encourage them to maintain their ties with the colleges and district." Dr. Houston recommended this be taken up by the Foundation, CHEX, as well as both Senates. WCC's Heritage Committee could help with these efforts.

-Discussed the possibility of another strategic planning session since we have made some progress on work towards the Board's vision statement, but more remains to be done. Cons: Teams 1, 2, and 3 have not yet completed work begun as a result of the December 2011 strategic planning retreat.

Dr. Houston

Monday, October 22

-Dr. Houston will publish the new goals set for him by the Board of Trustees in his next update to the district.

-Discussed the need for email access to all college employees. Dr. Houston reiterated the need for DC3T2 to determine how this can be accomplished.

-Discussed concerns about access to District employees and the limited access of WCC staff. Dr. Houston indicated that he and other District employees maintain "office hours" and see college employees by appointment and encouraged WCC staff to reach out to him. Invite him to events or your classroom, and he will make an effort to attend.

-Discussed the transition of YC employees to District employees.

-Discussed the possible impact of the failure of Prop 30 specific to WCC.

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Wednesday, October 24

-WCC will provide funds to cover 20% reassigned time for spring 2013 to cover CurricUNet work. We will work with Dr. Carabjal's office to identify a solution beginning 2013-14 academic year.

-Discussed impact of coordinators to the 50% (50% towards instruction).

Vice President Report - October 26th, 2012

1. Committee Assignments –

We will approve at the meeting.

2. Curriculum Report – Special meeting was held 10/16 to approve consent agenda of the meeting cancelled on 10/12.

3. Area A Meeting (10/19 at Sac City College) –

- President Michelle Pilati shared that the state senate supports Prop 30 and takes no official position on Prop 32 or Prop 38. She forecast that budgets will still be relatively grim even if Prop 30 passes. If Prop 30 fails, there is anticipation that some ugly anti-education legislation may follow.
- SB 1440 goals have been set: colleges should establish 80% of transfer degrees by Fall Semester, 2013 and 100% by Fall Semester, 2014. Twenty-two TMCs are in place. For Spring Semester, 2013, about 9 CSUs are only accepting transfer students with AA-T or AS-T degrees. When rewriting CORs to meet C-ID, care should be taken not to lose other articulation agreements.
- The ASCCC is sponsoring a contest among the four Areas to see which area can obtain the most Evergreen donors. I have details available.
- It appears that we are better off than many colleges regarding shared decision making. I will elaborate at the senate meeting.
- Most resolutions were moved forward without much discussion. If you have questions about specific resolutions, see me. Monica will attend Plenary in November (8-10) and we will be receiving the updated set of resolutions soon to review and offer our opinions for her to carry forward.
- Butte College presented three resolutions dealing with adjunct faculty participation on senates. One was revised and moved forward, the other two were not. As an aside, WCC seems to be progressive regarding adjunct participation.
- There are four free events planned with a focus on developing leadership. The nearest will be at Solano Community College on March 1st. It is desired that at least one attendee from each college be from CTE.

4. Meeting with Dr. Patricia Johnson (10/15) – Monica and I met with Dr. Patricia Johnson, who has been brought in to address a number of climate concerns. We had a very candid and lengthy discussion of the issues at WCC and shared the senate's reticence to pay for a consultant at this time. It appears that HR and the Chancellor will be moving this forward. Dr. Johnson had already been made aware of some of the issues. She will be following up with many individuals. Some have already been contacted.

5. Budget & Planning (10/17 & 10/24) – Meeting moved to 10/24 so that Accreditation Visiting Team could attend. Meeting on 10/24 turned out to be more of an exploration of role of B&P in college and district level planning.