

Woodland Community College
ACADEMIC SENATE
Special Meeting
Minutes – May 18, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Gassman (Social Sciences)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Ortiz (Student Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna McGill-Cameron (Business and Vocational Ed.)

Guests: None

Call to Order at 8:55 a.m.

I. Approval of Agenda (Gassman/Wheeler)

II. Public Comment

- A. McGill-Cameron encourages all faculty to take the Flex Survey and turn in your signed Flex forms.
- B. Wheeler asks whether Faculty ID cards can be created and perhaps combined with a library card.
- C. Chetra wonders whether we are recognizing Classified staff as much as we can. This is a good way to improve the campus environment.
- D. Clark encourages the Senate to let the public make public comments and to keep Senator conversations/statements to a minimum.

III. Approval of minutes for 5/11/12 (Clavere/Clark)

IV. President's Report-Chahal

- A. Budget Summit. On Monday, 5/21, Chex will be identifying less critical areas to begin looking to save money and better use existing resources. If Brown's educational tax initiative passes, we will be in better shape than if the Munger initiative passes, which is a K-12 tax. The Brown initiative would need more votes than the Munger initiative.
- B. Sutter Center. It's not clear that the Sutter Center will be classified as a Center even if it does get 1,000 FTES due to ongoing budget issues at the state level.
- C. Clear Lake Campus. The Clear Lake Campus had been funded as a Center with \$1.1 million per year for many years. The state discovered that the Clear Lake Campus does not receive 1,000 FTES and should therefore be classified as a Small Center. It will receive \$500,000 per year going forward. Clear Lake currently receives about 700 FTES.
- D. Celebration of Tenure. Newly tenured faculty will be recognized with cake at a 4:30 pm reception prior to the Board meeting on June 13.

E. The Senate will be funding travel for B. Asmus and C. Howerton to the curriculum institute. They are grateful for the opportunity.

V. Vice President's Report-Clark (Written report is attached to the end of the minutes; additional commentary follows)

A. Committee Appointments: SLO - Non-instructional faculty member - Estelita Spears
Curriculum Committee - Leslie Deniz (CTE), Julie Brown (Math & Science)

Flex - Jeannine Mullin

Diversity - David Perez

College Council - adjunct faculty member - Donna Bahneman

Diversity - adjunct faculty member - George Sellu

B. Election Committee. Ferns to take over for Clark on the committee. Gassman and Clavere will continue on the committee for 2012-2013.

VI. New Business

A. Appreciation. Thanks to Dr. Sharon Ng Hale for her work on the Curriculum Committee over the past year!

➤ **Resolution: Whereas for two years, Professor Sharon Ng has worked to strengthen WCC's Curriculum Committee and has devoted countless hours representing WCC concerns in district curricular discussions, Resolved that the WCC Academic Senate recognize her for her efforts and for her accomplishments in the role as Faculty Curriculum Co-chair. (Wheeler/Gassman M/S/C)**

B. Summer Executive Powers. We will schedule one meeting on June 22, 11-1. We will develop the Fall 2012 meeting schedule at that time.

➤ **Motion: The WCC Academic Senate Executive Committee (president, vice president, secretary) shall be given the power to make Senate decisions over the summer. (Gassman/Wheeler M/S/C)**

C. Mission Statement, WCC.

➤ **Motion: The WCC Academic Senate endorses the revised WCC Mission Statement. (Clark/Gassman M/S/C)**

D. Resolution on Student Loans.

➤ **Motion: Given the importance of student loans in allowing students to pursue their academic goals, the WCC Academic Senate urges that any decision to change the student loan policy be made only after a robust discussion and careful examination of accurate data. The discussion should include ASWCC, the WCC College Council and the WCC Academic Senate. (Wheeler/Clavere M/S/C)**

E. WCC Curriculum Handbook. Please send feedback to Clark on the draft handbook by the end of May.

F. College Council Co-chair responsibilities and compensation. Should reassigned time be given for this position? Is the compensation appropriate for the position or simply because of the work the current faculty co-chair is putting into the position? What are other colleges doing? Chahal states that this job demands more than just showing up and running a meeting. For next year, could we do this as a special project? Konuwa states that other committees such as Student Success also make decisions for the entire campus, and the chairs of other committees may also wish to receive compensation. We need to develop a method that determines the criteria that should be assessed to determine

compensation. Perhaps J. McCabe needs more support in terms of clerical work that would help to ease the burden. McGill-Cameron asks what about other faculty with clerical needs who are working extended hours on division or grant-related work? Chahal notes that faculty will give of their time for causes they believe in and will do overtime work on commitments they make to the campus, but at some point even the most dedicated faculty may decide that the extended hours and additional uncompensated work are just not worth it or they will simply get burned out. A one unit stipend might be a good place to begin if we approve a one year special project.

- **Motion: The Senate recommends 6.7% release time for the College Council Co-Chair for the 2012/2013 school year with the understanding that WCC will explore compensation for other committee chairs (such as those of Diversity and Student Success) as well. (Ortiz/Chetra M/S/C. Ayes 8, Noes 1)**
- G. Constitution and Bylaws. The Senate will consider revisions to the constitution at a future meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned-11:35 a.m. (Gassman/Chetra)

Vice President Report
May 18, 2012

1. Committee Assignments –

We will approve at the meeting.

Many positions are still unfilled. Arm twisting will begin almost immediately.

2. Curriculum Report –

- Thanks to Sharon Ng for her efforts leading the Curriculum Committee for the last two years.

3. DC3T2 – The committee is scheduled to meet on 5/25. There is some resistance to meeting over the summer.

4. DC3 (5/14) –

- Nearly the entire meeting was spent on finishing the Parking AP. The process was definitely inclusive and although the final product is far from perfect, many positives have come from the discussions. On the A-D consensus model being used by DC3, the tally that led to moving forward was A-4, B-11, C-5, and D-0. (Monica and I cast C and B respectively.)
- The meeting ended with a quick recap of the year's accomplishments.
- I will be meeting with Chancellor Houston and the YC AS VP, Greg Kimbel on Monday to work on a calendar for next year.
- Note – the possible (?) decisions to hold a joint convocation and to move some of each college's research director's time to district functions were not discussed at DC3 (or any other venue involving the WCC senate).