

Skyline College Council
January 28, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lori Adrian, Mauricio Flores-Hernandez, Ray Hernandez, Adolfo Leiva, Vicki Morrow. Recorder: Linda Ghio

Absent: Linda Herda, Sandra Hsu, Brittany Piccolotti, Regina Stanback-Stroud

Review of Minutes from December 10, 2008

The December minutes were approved as written.

Date for next meeting

The meeting scheduled on February 25 conflicts with EOC training. The prior and the following Wednesdays are Curriculum Committee meetings. The council decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, February 23 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Proposed Change to Building 7 name

There is a proposal to rename Building 7 at Skyline. Vicki presented the background of the proposed renaming to the College Council:

Background: Skyline College has an official list of Skyline building numbers and names as of March 6, 2007. It has been reviewed by the Management Council (January 9), the Educational and Facilities Master Planning Task Force (January 31) and the College Council (January 24 and February 28). It was approved by the College Council at the February 28 meeting. The final approval for building names was given at the Chancellor's Council on March 6, 2007.

Per that list, the name for Building 7 is "Sciences". Regina Stanback Stroud and Mike Williamson, Dean of Science, Math and Technology, propose that the official name of Building 7 to be changed to "Science and Allied Health". This name is a more accurate representation of the programs in the building. Almost the entire second floor consists of allied health programs, not sciences. The name is also consistent with the premise upon which the state supported the Final Project Proposal to the state of California for funding. During the FPP process, the state representatives were particularly interested in and supportive of the concept when the college emphasized the development of an Allied Health Center.

Recommendation:

Building 7 official name – Science and Allied Health.

Ray agreed that it is not just sciences. The College Council approved the change.

Budget update

Last November when the college was looking at this year's and next year's budget, the state was projecting a \$333 million deficit, so the College Budget Committee has been working on ways to make cuts based on that number. Now, the budget proposal did not get approved in Sacramento and the Governor came back with a proposal that is more agreeable for the community colleges because it would not make cuts to their funding. Under his proposal there would be no COLA (cost of living adjustment) and accounting adjustments would shift the colleges' expenditures into the following year as a deferral. There would be 3% growth funds for 2009-10. Eloisa said she does not know if the proposal will hold up nor what the final numbers will be. In the meantime, Kathy Blackwood, SMCCCD CFO, is going to prepare scenarios using the Governor's proposal as the best case scenario and a \$10 billion state budget deficit as the worst case.

Eloisa attended the ASSC meeting on January 28 and delivered a similar message. The Cal Grant is affected by the proposal but approval was received from the Board of Trustees to advance money for students in the district who are affected.

Student members of the Council asked for advice on how to handle budget issues and Eloisa said they should watch their ASSC budgets carefully because there is an increase in students asking for a student rep fee waiver, which could reduce the revenue to the ASSC. Lori said Marcie Mora in the cashier's office keeps track of the ASSC budget but students may not be fluent with expenses and revenues. The students get budget data and Amory works with them to determine what funds are available, but Eloisa and Marcie will do another presentation on the budget at a future ASSC meeting. A student asked about advocacy and they had a discussion about contacting their legislator to garner support for community colleges. Lori said the student rep fee is to be used for that.

Board of Governors' Classified Employees Award

California's Board of Governors has created a new award, called the Classified Employee of the Year Award, and they are inviting every college district to submit one nominee. It was discussed in Chancellor's Cabinet and agreed that each college and the district office will put forward one nominee, and they will be presented to the Board of Trustees who will select the final name to be submitted to the Board of Governors. All four of the nominees will be honored at a board meeting. Vicki is suggesting this approach to selecting a nominee at Skyline:

- Begin by publishing an invitation for nominations in the January 30 Skyline Shines with a deadline for submission.
- Post it on the website with a summary.
- Invite anyone in the college to submit nominations.
- College Council would select the college's nominee from the pool.

The selection of names must be presented to the board at its February 25 meeting so the selections need to be at Chancellor's office by the prior week. In order to meet these deadlines, the Council will need to hold a special one-hour meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 1:30 for the screening. Applications will need to be submitted by 10:00

a.m. on February 17. Linda will draft a screening tool similar to the Skyline Shines Awards guidelines. Linda can send the nominations out in batches to the Council so they can be reviewed in advance.

40th Anniversary planning

Sandy Irber was unable to attend the meeting. Skyline's 40th Anniversary will be celebrated next academic year. Planning for the anniversary will commence mid-semester.

Website redesign update

The new Web site is up and faculty and staff are encouraged to make comments during the "soft launch" period via the e-suggestion box located on the front page of the site at <http://dev.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>. The new Web site will "go live" February 17th. Adolfo said he liked the photos of the students and thought it made the Web site better. He tried to print out the home page and it printed in different frames. Vicki suggested he use the comments tool on the website to notify Sandy. Mauricio said the information is better, but he noticed that some of the committee information that was transferred was old. He will notify Sandy.

Free For All

- Adolfo distributed a flyer on Skyline's Classified Council bake sale and gift item fundraiser, called Heart 2 Heart, which will be held on February 11. There will be different price points on items being sold.
- The Classified Council is beginning to plan the spring 2009 classified staff retreat and is looking for a suitable venue. They are expecting 30 attendees. The retreat is centered on staff development in the areas of student services, basic skills and professional development. They are looking forward to being partially supported through BSI funds. Phyllis Taylor will do an On Course presentation and Gerry Frassetto will do diversity training. The retreat is planned for two to three days.
- Lori reported that additional seating has been installed in Building 6 in the cafeteria, as well as soft seating in the student lounge, outside the bookstore and upstairs. More and more students are discovering those areas.

Next meeting: February 23

Agenda

Academic Senate plus/minus grading update

Student Equity Committee update

DSGC update

Smoking policy implementation

Compressed calendar

Technology plan