
Members Absent:

Guests: E. Free.

1) Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

2) Approval of the Minutes of April 1, 2004: The minutes were approved as submitted and corrected.

3) Report of the Dean: Due to an emergency, Dean Wilson arrived late to the meeting. In the interim, Ed Free, the CCC Budget and Academic Planning Coordinator, spoke of fruitful meeting he and Dean Wilson had with the Chair of the Department of Psychology, Marvin Lamb. There has been a goal of getting BA classes in Psychology scheduled at CCC, and Chair Lamb has been supportive. However, in this transition period there will be no additional sections scheduled and Dean Wilson’s request will be submitted to the Psychology faculty for a vote. Free announced his departure in June to work at the University of California, Berkeley to work as an academic advisor in the College of Letters and Sciences. Dean Wilson arrived at the meeting later and commented on a very successful faculty to faculty program held at Los Medanos College on May 13 (see Eder’s remarks below). He communicated to the Committee his concerns regarding his lack of control over funding for academic programs, since he is currently unable to move funds from one program that is underperforming to another that is maintaining strong enrollment. Hopefully this difficulty can be resolved through the strategic planning process. It is possible that private revenue sources in the form of endowments might in the future be used to supplement declining or static public funds to support academic programs at the CCC.

4. Report of the Chair: Chair Phelps delivered the CCAC Annual Report to Excomm last week and all went smoothly. There was some discussion in Excomm as to the effect of the loss of compressed video instruction to the campus. There was, as well discussion of the ongoing need to develop a faculty presence at CCC, especially once the budget crisis is over. Overall, the reception to the report was positive. Since the Annual Report to the Senate has been submitted, Chair Phelps suggested that this would be the last CCAC meeting of the year. A motion that this be so (Phelps/Mitchell to approve) was passed. The Chair next moved into matters of the change in membership on the Committee. Phelps, Krickx, Primus are slated to leave at the end of this year. In the case of Krickx (College of Business and Economics) he will speak to his Dean prior to the next meeting as to possible choices for next year. Primus represents the Lecturers on the Committee.
and there are several possible candidates. The Chair will contact one of these prior to the next meeting. Phelps will himself be replaced by Nicole Howard, also of the Department of History. K. Horan suggested several possible names for a student representative for next year. Given student schedules, it has been hitherto difficult to find students able to serve the committee and this position as usually gone unfilled. Phelps hopes to return to teach and the Contra Costa Campus in Fall 2004. He is also enthusiastic at the prospect of the History Major being offered at CCC. He assured the Committee that he is anxious to assist in the development of the CCC will be available in the future in an advisory role at the Committee’s request.

5. Discussion with Dan Basu on the role of the College of Business at the Contra Costa Campus: Dean Basu was unable to attend this meeting.

6. Other old business: There was none.

7. Other new business: H. Eder reported on a very successful Faculty to Faculty meeting at Los Medanos College held on May 13 (see Dean Wilson’s remarks, above). Eder along with Dan Kaiper of LMC organized the event. Fifteen faculty from CSUH attended with a number being from the Contra Costa Campus. President Peter Garcia gave a welcoming address, with Peter Wilson providing a well received background speech highlighting programs offered the Contra Costa Campus. After a plenary session, faculty met with their opposite numbers at each campus. It was important to stress to LMC faculty that CSUH is not an impacted campus and that it is “open for business” to transfer students from LMC. Overall, LMC faculty were grateful at our outreach effort and another Faculty to Faculty meeting will be scheduled next year. Many LMC students view that transferring to the CCC in particular is their primary goal, unlike students at Diablo Valley College, who are not so geographically bound. Yet they express some frustration at what they perceive are limited course offerings at the CCC.

Kevin Horan, CCC Student Services Coordinator, reminded the Committee that the New Horizons Dinner is scheduled for this Friday, May 21. Tickets are still available in the Academic Services Lobby. One hundred and eighty seven people have already purchased tickets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Philibosian