



Antelope Valley College

Language Arts/Academic Development Division

Summary of Meeting
August 15, 2014
HS Building
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following faculty and staff were in attendance:

Members Present:

Jeffrie Ahmad
Marthe Aponte
Liette Bohler
Maurice Boyd
Snizhana Bowers
Magdalena Capriou
Scott Covell
Diane Flores-Kagan
Tom Graves
Mark Hoffer
Charles Hood
Daniel Horner
Daniel Humphrey
Priscilla Jenison
Scott Jenison

Rachel Jennings
Mike Kalustian
Ken Lee
Susan Lowry
Karen Lubick
Cole McCandless
Tina McDermott
Scott Memmer
Kathryn Mitchell
Kristine Oliveira
Rosa Onofre
Brian Palagallo
Charlotte Forté-Parnell
Lucia Pozo
Heidi Preschler

Harish Rao
Pat Reed
Wendy Rider
Duane Rumsey
Cindy Sabo
Angela Shaheen
Dave Sladek
Santi Tafarella
Mary Rose Toll
John Toth
William Vaughn
Rega Velinda

I. Senate Vote Results

Liette Bohler (proxy, Kathryn Mitchell)
Karen Lubick (proxy, Harish Rao)
Diane Flores-Kagan (proxy, Wendy Rider)
Tina McDermott (senator at large; Susan Lowry is proxy)

II. Department Chair Discussion Dr. Parnell

- ✓ Dr. Parnell review the Union contract language.
- ✓ Does the Learning Center get a department chair? Dr. Parnell-yes.
- ✓ Covell-Do we have to change? Dr. Parnell-One option is not to change.
- ✓ Dr. Parnell-Where would the LC like to be placed in the draft that was sent last night?

- ✓ Kristine Oliveira-Does the LC have enough LHE to earn a full chair? Dr. Parnell-No. Heidi Preschler-LC could have a chair, just not one who received compensation.
- ✓ Assertion was challenged; Susan Lowery reviewed contract language again.

The general view is that one needs “x” amount of FTE to have a chair. Yet, Susan Lowry said if we excluded that, a general discussion would look at logical structure. Mark Hoffer-What about other divisions? Answer-Across campus, it is a problem.

Dr. Parnell brought the group back on track with practical direction to look at the proposed structure. The exact status of the LC is on hold for now. Dr. Parnell reviewed the three options.

Dr. Suderman pointed out that Basic Skills as a “department” could be multi-disciplinary; by tradition, Basic Skills math and English were separate, but perhaps should not be. Also, she reminded the faculty that we can do ANY version that we want, including a hybrid model

III. Employee Giving Season..... Brenan Humann

Brenan Humann from the Foundation discussed campus giving and thanked the faculty for their giving.

IV. Academic Senate..... Karen Lubick

Karen reminded faculty to give feedback on the DETC regular and effective contact policy.

V. Committee Reports

- Academic Policy and Procedures..... Jeffrie Ahmad, Mary Rose Toll
At the last AP&P meeting a majority vote determined that the significant lapse in time for students to repeat a course should be changed from the current 5 years to 3 years. In addition, it was determined that the use of the new standard grade for the repeated class should be used instead of the first standard grade, which is reflected in current policy.

When courses are submitted for revision, it was pointed out that in cases where a textbook is 5 years or older the rationale should be more detailed than a simple statement that there is no newer edition. The committee would like to encourage faculty to conclude that although the textbook has not been updated, the material is nonetheless relevant, and/or there are no other textbooks that contain the same unique information.

- Basic Skills.....Santi Tafarella
Santi discussed the Success Center and invited faculty to attend the Open House today and tomorrow.

- Outcomes Rachel Jennings
Rachel discussed unified action plans. Proxy-Mark Hoffer.
- Honors Angela Koritsoglou
Angela spoke about breadth and variety in the spring 2015 schedule.
- DETC John Toth
John spoke about DETC concerns: personal items linked to campus network;
the need to come up with a clarified personal use policy. AVC is a pilot
campus for state-wide Online Education Initiative

VI. Other

- Tom Graves spoke about Day of the Dead celebration, October 27-31.
- Harish Rao suggested we go as a division to a fundraiser on October 22, 7:15p.m. at BJS Brewhouse, Palmdale Mall. It would be a good show of solidarity.
- Diane Flores Kagen advised that the Foundation will send ten tutors to a conference at UC San Diego. Diane also announced that Harish Rao received a Foundation Grant for the inter-mural speech tournament.
- There was a large sense that “Academic Development” Department would need further action/discussion/clarification. Inside English much confusion/anger.

Minutes: Charles Hood

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

The next meeting of the Language Arts Division is November 18, 2014.