Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Cari Torres, Sara McKinnon, Joanna Pinckney, Kristi Kuhn, Ken Meier, A. Joe Ritchie, Rebecca Beal, Letta Hlavachek, Chris Schultz, Dave King, Mary Pieper-Warren

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Items Discussed:

1. Sara and Chris requested input from the Academic Senate regarding the potential participation in the G.E. review project. The Senate offered a number of possible approaches for getting an appropriate group together. The strongest direction was to invite a representative from each department and start the meetings, with the belief that more will come as the issues begin to develop. A date for the first meeting will be decided at our next meeting. It was pointed out that the G.E. committee should keep notes both to record their decision making, and also to have available for the upcoming WASC visit.

2. Chris agreed to contact directly the authors of every Outline that has not been returned to the committee with the strong request to get them back into us with corrections. He will also invite them to attend.

3. The group had a lengthy discussion about the Biology degree that has a 38 unit requirement. The concerns are the number of units for a lower division degree as well as the likelihood of students attempting the degree. Research will be done to determine what other community college does require and what CSU is looking for transfer students. Chris will invite the Biology Department to attend one of the CC meetings to help the committee understand the background of the proposed degree.

4. Chris will contact all departments that have courses with ‘field trips’ to discuss the various ways disabled students can be accommodated so they can either participate or have an alternate assignment. This issue was raised in relation to the American’s with Disability Act requirements for providing access to all courses the college offers. We will clarify the issue and develop language to be included in the COR Handbook.

No Course Outlines were approved