Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Sara McKinnon, Chris Schultz, Cari Torres, Rinetta Early, Joanna Pinckney, Kristi Kuhn, Mary Pieper-Warren, David King

Absent: Becky Brown, Rebecca Beal, A. Joe Ritchie, Bonnie Borenstein, Caterina Labriola

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Items Discussed:

1. UDWC approved all of the course outlines that came before the committee.

2. The Academic Senate report included an overview of the Statewide Senates recent session where the ‘Student Success Task Forces’ proposal were discussed. The entire list of proposals, if approved would radically change the current mission of the Community Colleges of California. Outcomes based funding is part of the proposal but the corresponding definition of how to measure student success is missing. It was agreed that two factors are pressuring the issues being presented by the Task Force: Significant lack of funding for education, and a perception that Community Colleges are failing to serve their students. The primary accounting for the last view is the limited number of students who graduate or transfer. The task Force fails to find value in or understanding of the broader mission of the System. The Senate has raised a series of strong objections to the work of the Task Force. Let us hope their voices are heard.

3. Cari Torres raised an issue concerning TBA hours in courses. There appears to be an interpretation of the regulations that would require an instructor, not an assistant, be present in the classroom at all times. This would clearly impact how particular courses are managed and it might require a separate consideration on the course outline. This issue will be further investigated in the near future.

Courses Approved

BIOL 138  ART 276
ETST 111
ETST 112
ART 270
ART 271
ART 275