Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Cafeteria Conference Room

Members Present: President Geoffrey Dyer, Vice President, Vicki Jacobi, Greg Golling, Tony Thompson, Juana Escobedo, Kanoe Bandy, Mike Jiles, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Debora Rodenhauser, Kristi Richards

Guests: Diane Jones and Theresa Espinoza

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Public Commentary

• None

Approval of August 30, 2017 Meeting Minutes

• The August 30th minutes were approved

Welcome to Kristi Richards, New Adjunct Representative

• Kristi Richards in the adjunct faculty representative

Academic Senate Constitution & Bylaws Review & Update

• (Item a) Screening committee service and new subcommittees language has already been approved and the updated language will be added.
• (Item b) The current resolution process requires a 2/3 vote and two readings resulting in and two or three month time period for the AS to act on any issue.
• The bylaws do have provision for the AS to act with “urgency” but only after first approval and initial action of Senate-of-the-whole.
• Since not all faculty members can attend Senate-of-the-whole meetings it is important for the senate council reps to communicate with the faculty in their areas.
• Amendments can be made to resolutions during Senate-of-the-whole meeting and the Senate-of-the-whole can also refer items back to the AS Council.
• Faculty must be present to vote, absentee or proxy voting is not allowed.
• On a motion by Greg Golling, seconded by Vicki Jacobi, and unanimously carried, a change to the bylaws to allow a resolution to come before the Senate-of-the-whole, the Academic Senate Council must vote in favor of the item by a majority vote. To pass the resolution only one reading is required and the Senate-of-the-whole must vote in favor of the item by a two-thirds vote.
• (Item c) The subcommittees of the AS should adhere to the Brown Act.
Current subcommittees of the AS include ADC, SLOASC, C&GE, DE, CTE, and AP&P.

On a motion by Mike Jiles, seconded by Greg Golling, and unanimously carried, a change to bylaws to state the AS subcommittees will adhere to the Brown Act.

(Item d) ASCC is requesting TC appoint a Guided Pathways Liaison.

There is an interest by the counseling faculty, however release time would be needed to adequately participate.

If the District receives guided pathway funding, then maybe some of the funding could be used for release time.

No action was taken by the ASC at this time.

(Item e) The bylaws do not currently contain any language on interim positions.

It takes time to become knowledgeable and familiar with the duties required of the AS officer positions and the current term limit language does not seem to be in our best interests.

On a motion by Mike Jiles, seconded by Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, and carried with abstentions by Geoffrey Dyer and Vicki Jacobi, a change to bylaws in Section 8 to strike all the language following: “The term of all officers and ASC representatives is two years. Officers and representatives may seek re-election in subsequent years.”

(Item f) No other constitution or bylaw changes were recommended.

Criteria for Recommending Faculty Positions

- Should a multi-disciplinary task force be formed to make a recommendation to ASC?
- New position requests will be held in the January Senate-of-the-whole meeting so the task force would probably not have time to act.
- A motion by Mike Jiles to form a task force died due to lack of a second.
- The current criteria originated with the Division chairpersons.
- Adding institutional needs to the current list is a good idea.
- The current process is working well.
- Not all positions in student services fit the current criteria.
- On a motion by Mike Jiles, seconded by Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, and carried with abstentions by Debora Rodenhauser and Vicki Jacobi, and opposed by Kanoe Bandy, to request that the Division chairpersons review the criteria for recommending faculty positions and report back to the ASC at the October, 18, 2017, meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Diane Jones, Acting Secretary.

Approved as corrected October 18, 2017