

FACULTY COUNCIL OF DEL MAR COLLEGE

MINUTES

December 5, 2003 – Barth Learning Resources Center, West Campus

1. The regular meeting of the Del Mar College Faculty Council was called to order by chair John Crisp at 2:01 P.M.

2. Attendees:

a. Faculty Council Members:

i. Present: John Crisp, Donna Hamil, Eric Moller, Mac Aipperspach, Joe Dudek, Bob Long, Stephen Ondrejas, Chuck McKinney, Mike Dunton, Sue Crowson, Lisa Welch, Rita Orchard, Ann Thorn, Michael Potter.

ii. Absent: Mary Thornton, Paul Bissell, Anne Stewart (proxy given to Ondrejas), Laura Parr (proxy given to Crisp)

b. Guests: none

3. Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of the Faculty Council for November 7, 2003 were presented. Stephen Ondrejas noted that a correction needed to be made in his report from the Teaching and Learning Center Committee. He said the correction should read that the TLC would 'like to hold some grant writing workshops' rather than it 'will hold' the workshops. Sue Crowson moved the minutes be accepted as amended with Donna Hamil giving second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports:

a. Chair's Report: Crisp reported on meetings that he had attended since the last Faculty Council meeting including the President's Cabinet and the ISD Council.

i. POD: Crisp said the next budget would again contain \$29,500 for POD funding. He reported that \$10,000 had been returned for POD funding for the current fiscal year. Requests for grants will be taken until February 27, 2004.

ii. TLC: Crisp said that acting President Joe Alaniz was committed to moving the Teaching and Learning Center under the auspices of the Vice-President of Learning and Academic Affairs. The logistics are to be worked out between Jose Rivera and interim VPLAA Rosie Garcia. Ondrejas commented during this report that a search was needed for someone to head the TLC and for funding. Ondrejas said there was a push to make the director's position an APT position rather than faculty and a decision was needed on this.

iii. VPLAA: Crisp said the search process for a VPLAA was sending out mixed signals. He said there appeared to be no time line to the process.

iv. Section 50: The Texas Legislature passed a bill during the last legislative session that included a portion referred to as Section 50 which proposes to halt reimbursement to colleges for a student who takes a particular course for a third time. Crisp said a January 2004 convocation would be held to further explain the implications.

v. IDEA Evaluation: Crisp reported that the ISD Council had not discussed the IDEA Evaluation since the last Faculty Council meeting. He reported that constituents of the Council had mixed feelings as to liking or disliking the evaluation method.

vi. Faculty Council Constitution and By-Laws: Crisp asked for volunteers who would be willing to review the Council's constitution and By-Laws for inconsistencies. Sue Crowson volunteered to serve on the committee and Crisp reported that Rose Cabellero had also agreed to be on the committee.

vii. Strategic Planning Report: Crisp handed out a draft on the goals that were developed by the task force. He said the group would be meeting again in January 2004 for further work.

viii. Fund Raising: The proposed policy change for the Del Mar College Foundation was noted by Crisp. He said a re-evaluation of the policy would be made in the spring semester but that the policy would not be discussed in the December meeting. He said there were some issues that needed resolving.

b. Presidential Search Committee: Mac Aipperspach reported on the Presidential Search Committee and noted that the closing date for applicants was early January. Aipperspach anticipated that there could be as many as 50 applications.

c. Load and Class Size: Joe Dudek reported that the Load and Class Size Committee had listened to presentations by various departments. Dudek said that few departments followed the current policy and suggested that the policy be strictly adhered to during the spring semester. Ann Thorn said she did not foresee any changes that would be made for the spring semester. It was noted that some work appeared necessary to provide equity with the various exceptions.

d. Grievance Policy Committee: A committee was looking over the policy and the Student Government Association had its own committee looking at the policy. The Board of Regents is also looking at the policy.

e. Release Time Committee: Hamil reported that release time categories were being worked out. She said a survey was being taken as to what is done by various people in gaining release time.

f. Distance Learning Committee: As noted in Crisp's chair report, Ondrejas said the current priority was settling on a director for the TLC and having Distance Learning placed under the VPLAA.

g. Grants Committee: Thorn reported that \$14,500 along with the restored \$10,000 brought the POD funding to within \$5,000 of what was the original funding. She said that the funds would be used to first fund last year's requests that were never fulfilled and then to fund NISOD.

5. New Business:

a. Load and Class Size: Dudek made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Regents, the President, the VPLAA, the Deans, and various chairs to call for an 'amnesty' on all exceptions to the class and load size and adhere strictly to college policy as to loads for all departments. Chuck McKinney gave a second. During discussion a question was raised as to the possible negative implication of the motion considering the work the Load and Class Size Committee was doing. Another concern expressed was the impact such action could have on schedules if implemented. It was noted that the Load and Class Size Committee was to determine how to work out the variations. Perhaps the policy needs to be reviewed and maybe changed was another suggestion. A vote was taken and voting for the motion were Dudek and McKinney. Voting against the motion were Welch, Thorn, Dunton, Hamil, Ondrejas, Crowson, Aipperspach, Long, Potter, and Stewart (by proxy to Ondrejas). Abstaining were Moller, Crisp, Orchard, and Parr (by proxy to Crisp). Thornton and Bissell were absent.

6. The regular December meeting of the Del Mar College Faculty Council adjourned at 3:06 P.M.