



Academic Senate (AS) Business Meeting

February 12, 2019

12:30 – 1:20 pm, Room 838

Minutes

Present: J. Aguayo-Vasquez, S. Anderson, S. Ball, A. Bewick, S. Bynum, N. Carrier, D. Clemens, T. Downie, I. Dunkle, W. Fortier, M. Gianvecchio, C. Gillis, S. Grohs, A. Gross, R. Guzman, J. Hanson, S. Hitchcock, M. Hodgins, M. Ignacio, K. Iwamoto, G. Kell, J. Kincheloe, M. Kronzer, E. Martinez, K. McCann, J. McClendon, N. McEnery, J. McGowan, M. McKeig, L. Monger, A. Moore, B. Moore, C. Nelson, L. Nussdorfer, K. Powell, E. Quealy, H. Scott, F. Smyle, E. Stafford, J. Stickmon, G. Strommen, C. Trujillo, E. von Pohle, N. Wade-Gravett, L. Winczewski, L. Yanover, P. Posada, T. Nunley, L. Rivera

Guests: M. Villagomez, E. Shearer, R. Kraft, R. Simmons

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

- M/S/P

3. Approval of Minutes: 1/22/19

- M/S/P

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Announcements

- The AS President is attending a conference so the AS Vice President will run this meeting.
- For Black History Month the library has an exhibit, library guide, and trivia contest. Request to share this with students.
- Beer Brewing class is being offered, 2.5 Saturdays in March, non-credit class and 21 years of age and up.

6. Discussion item

6.1. Q&A with President regarding possible housing on campus–Dr. R. Kraft

- Following up from a request at the last AS Business meeting, the AS President and AS Vice President met with Dr. Kraft to request to this meeting to discuss the proposed housing on campus.
- Dr. Kraft listed the topics that he believed the senate would be interested in knowing more about.
- The history behind the housing conversation started about 18 years ago. Several years ago it was a topics for Board discussion, they had a subcommittee on housing for several years.
- The issue died as the community, Board, and constituencies weren't ready as they didn't see much need for it.
- It resurfaced around 2014/2015 when Napa City and County started talking about housing and the "housing crisis" and affordability.

- Investigations took place regarding who was living and working in the county. They found problems for those who were trying to move into Napa County.
- At an April 2018 AS meeting, Dr. Kraft addressed the bond and putting housing on the back burner as bond infrastructure was more important.
- The community wasn't sold on funding a general obligation bond yet so in Dec. /Jan. reengaged in exploration of housing.
- Wanted to make sure that the housing feasibility study was clean and unbiased.
- Decided on Scion Group to look into student housing as they were a completely neutral company.
- For no additional charge they would look into faculty and staff housing too.
- Scion is a professional company.
- Funding Scion will not come out of general funds.
- Funds were built into Presidents office consulting budget for 2018/2019 just for this purpose.
- No funds will be coming out of instruction, academic, or classroom budgets for this.
- When Scion finishes their work in March they will have spoken to many faculty.
- They are doing a lot of student interest work, demographic work, and data points.
- If housing moves forward it will define the number of units that we could fill.
- They refers to number of beds not apartments and the unit layout that best fits students.
- Scion is very cautious, they are moving slowly.
- The metrics support student success and housing. Students enroll in more units, they study longer, and they stay on site.
- Commuter college image may change.
- The main reasons students are failing at community colleges are work and money.
- If study shows enough demand for student housing the next step is to hire a program manager who has already been selected.
- Feasibility study should be done at the end of March/April.
- A few years ago about 8 other California community colleges (CCC's) had student housing, now there are about 20 CCC's. Nationally there are thousands.
- A campus village concept is being looked at for faculty and staff. Scion is finding that there's not enough interested for this based on only college so extended study to K-12, Napa Unified since we are teaching at all sites now.
- Dual enrollment will be increasing.
- Concern that "housing crisis" in our area reflects those who are working so student housing won't help this crisis.
- Concern that it is difficult to measure the impact that a housing project would have on the community and those who live here in terms of commuting and traffic.
- Response that students being able to "live, work, and learn" on campus reduces traffic as commuting (vehicles coming in and out) decreases.
- Concern that faculty and the community won't have enough of a voice in this decision.
- Response that as an isolated plan there would be issues but a feasibility study is being done to ensure the demand is there and the success of the project.
- 80% of students are "half-time" or more.
- Board and college insist on affordable student housing. Currently market rate for renting housing is about \$1000 for a 12 foot by 12 foot space. Student housing will be below market rate and any revenue made can decrease the rental cost.

- Clarification that maintenance for housing would be operated completely separate. The college's current facilities department would not be responsible for housing facilities.
- The only overlap would be the campus police and school policies.
- Schemas for tier one students who are 12 units and above. Then tiers drop from there until demand meets.
- Clarification that there will not be a financial net outflow of capital from the college general fund or reserve.
- This project would be a municipal tax-free sales bond so the entire funding is through a non-profit staple federal agency that issues nontaxable municipal bonds that go on the market for investors.
- The amount charged for rent would pay for all of the operations and maintenance just like the buildings we have now.
- Question raised about the affordable housing tax that Napa passed in November funded by hotels and if this housing project would fall into that fund?
- Response that campus village would more likely fall into that fund but it is more complex with the way grants are set up.
- Request made that the FAQ's about housing be posted on a housing webpage, request granted in that Dr. Kraft intends to do so.
- There will not be a private company that will get rich from this as it is a municipal bond.
- AS Vice President reminds everyone that Dr. Kraft will be returning to update the senate on this topic as communication is critical.

7. Action Items

7.1. AP 4232 Grade Change-Pass/No Pass

- New Administrative Procedure (AP), grammatical changes made with hyphens and an addition of wording "or 30% of course".
- Extensive discussion regarding wording around "30% of course" and "first 5 weeks of the semester" wording and what best wording would be.
- Language of finalized amended to read "the first five weeks of the primary term or 30% of courses that run for less than the primary term".
- M/S/P (amended)

7.2. AP 4235 Credit by Examination-Credit by Examination

- Language added to align with our current practices according to Admissions and Records.
- Both "External" and "Internal Examination" are within this one AP.
- Comment that first bullet under "Credit by Internal Examination" must be followed now that we are confirming this practice.
- M/S/P (as presented)

7.3 AP 4236 Credit by Examination-Advanced Placement Credit

- Language added to align with our current practices according to Admissions and Records.
- Discussion regarding language of credit score number.
- M/S/P (as presented)

8. Reports

- Insufficient time for Reports.

9. Adjourn

- M/S/P 1:23 pm