



Minutes of the  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
April 2, 2012

APPROVED

- PRESENT:** Bruce Bishop, Monika Brannick, Melinda Carrillo, Haydn Davis, Jenny Fererro, Katy French, Lori Graham, Barb Kelber, Greg Larson, Pam McDonough, Linda Morrow, Wendy Nelson, Patrick O'Brien, Lillian Payn, Perry Snyder, Diane Studinka, Fari Towfiq
- ABSENT:** Teresa Laughlin, Jackie Martin, Christina Moore
- GUESTS:** Tylor Ellard, ASG, Michael Large
- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the President, Monika Brannick, at 2:00 p.m., in Room SU-30.
- Election of Faculty Senate President:** In-line with the Faculty Constitution, the election of the Faculty Senate President occurs the first Monday in April. Nominations were accepted for the position of Faculty Senate President.
- Greg Larson was nominated and accepted the nomination.  
Linda Morrow was nominated and declined the nomination.  
Patrick O'Brien was nominated and declined the nomination.  
Wendy Nelson was nominated and declined the nomination.  
Jenny Fererro was nominated and declined the nomination.
- Motion 1** MSC Bishop, Towfiq: Faculty Senate acceptance of the Greg Larson to the position of Faculty Senate President, effective May, 2012, by acclamation. The motion carried.
- Monika Brannick noted that the position would begin the second Monday in May.
- Approval of Minutes:**
- Motion 2** MSC Morrow, French: Faculty Senate approval of the minutes of March 26, 2012, as amended. The motion carried.
- Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- Announcements:** Monika Brannick announced that ASG President Evelyn Lucero has asked for suggestions on how the ASG can assist in informing students of Student Learning Outcomes. Katy French noted that there is an ASG student representative currently serving on the Learning Outcomes Council.
- Monika Brannick invited all to participate in the various activities scheduled throughout April for LGBTQ Awareness Month:

April 13 – 22: **Last Summer at Bluefish Cove**, by Jane Chambers. For ticket information visit [www.palomarperforms.com](http://www.palomarperforms.com).

April 17: **The State of LGBTQ Activism**. Keynote Address by Joseph Rocha and LGBTQ Occupy San Diego. 12:30 p.m., Room O-2 Performance Studio.  
**Bullying Workshop** presented by Students from the Palomar College LGBTQ&A Club. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Room O-2 Performance Studio.

April 18: **Day of Silence Observance**  
**Between the Silence** presented by PerformingheARTs Out Loud. Queer Music and Dance Performance by Palomar Arts Faculty. 12:30 p.m., Room D-10 Performance Lab.

April 26: **Third Annual LGBTQ Pride Fest Celebration**, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Student Union Quad.

Brannick added that Michael Mufson is seeking faculty who will allow him to visit their classrooms to make an announcement on these upcoming events and to engage students in all projects. Those interested should visit <http://www2.palomar.edu/performinghearts/>.

Agenda Changes: With no objection from Senators, it was agreed to suspend the agenda to discuss Information Item A, CCSSE Results.

CCSSE Results: Michael Large, of Research & Planning, posted the results of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), on the overhead. Data was shared on Active and Collaborative Learning, Student Effort, Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Support for Learners.

A question and answer period ensued during the presentation. Faculty interested in more information or viewing the data should contact Large.

Committee Appointments: Patrick O'Brien stated that he recently distributed an email listing of the fall committee vacancies. He urged faculty to visit the Committee on Committees section of the Faculty Senate website to check the terms on committees on which they wish to serve and reply to his email to volunteer.

Motion 3 MSC Snyder, Fererro: Faculty Senate approval of the following committee appointment:

Course Maximums Committee  
Rocco Versaci

The motion carried.

Election Results: Patrick O'Brien announced that the nomination period for upcoming Faculty Senate vacancies closed on Friday, March 30. Because the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, no election will be held, and the following faculty members will be elected automatically:

Term through 2013:  
Ken Dodson

Term through 2014:  
Lesley Williams

Term through 2015:

Barb Kelber  
Teresa Laughlin  
Patrick O'Brien  
Fari Towfiq  
Katie Townsend-Merino

Part-time faculty term through 2015:

Perry Snyder

- Curriculum: Senators were provided copies of the Curriculum items dated March 14, 2012, last week.
- Motion 4 MSC Larson, Towfiq: Faculty Senate ratification of the Curriculum items dated March 14, 2012. The motion carried.
- Greg Larson indicated that members of the Curriculum Committee are currently discussing upcoming guidelines on implementing the Student Success Task Force Recommendations. The group is also continuing their discussions on repeatability, which still will go through several committees for input before going to the Board of Governors for first review in May and implementation approximately one year after that.
- Faculty Webpages: Senators discussed faculty webpages and whether there was a policy in place regarding their content. Monika Brannick indicated that AP 3720, Computer & Network Use, could be utilized as a guideline. There is wording that states that district computers cannot be used for political activities or to advertise for profit.
- Lengthy discussion occurred on academic freedom and things being posted or linked that some may find offensive. It was noted that some colleges and universities utilize uniformity with their webpages that provide consistency. Creating guidelines and defining what is and is not offensive varies by individual and may stifle creativity. Faculty should be held responsible and accountable for what they choose to include on their webpage, and anyone viewing that information who finds it offensive or questionable can contact that faculty member directly to discuss it. Faculty members are professionals and there should be a level of confidence that any information which may be viewed as offensive would not be published. Senators did agree that it is important to have this discussion for faculty to remind themselves that Palomar's core principals of professionalism should be considered when sharing information on their webpages.
- It was suggested that members of the Academic Technology Committee research the policies other institutions have in place regarding posting materials on faculty and staff webpages.
- Student Success Task Force: Monika Brannick reported that the Faculty Senate Student Success Task Force continues to meet each week, and at last week's meeting, Greg Larson agreed to take over the leadership role.
- Greg Larson added that the group continues to discuss its formation, and the following composition is currently being proposed:  
2 Co-chairs (Senators)  
1 Faculty Representative from the Curriculum Committee, BSI Committee, and Learning Outcomes Council.  
The Vice President of Instruction.

Accreditation: There was no report.

Policies & Procedures: Monika Brannick shared BP 7361, Academic Due Process, on the overhead. She reminded Senators that it was approved by the Senate and forwarded on to the Policies & Procedures Task Force about a month ago with significant changes. Vice President Tortarolo pointed out at the task force meeting that references to disputes between any other constituency groups have been removed and a new policy would need to be created to address these dispositions.

Senators discussed whether it should remain as is for utilization by faculty only, or whether changes should be made to include all employee groups in the policy. Senators also questioned what process would be utilized in the case of a dispute between a faculty member and an employee of another group, such as a classified staff member.

Brannick noted that several other Policies & Procedures were forwarded to Senators earlier in the day. She asked that they be reviewed for discussion at next week's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Carrillo, Secretary