

DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2012
2:00 – 3:30 PM
G1 301C

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Pauletta Daw, Ryan Smith, Kerrin McMahan, Mary Ellen Eckhart, Dan McBride, Rebecca Hsiao, Unjou Lee

I. Approval of Agenda

M/S/P to approve the agenda as submitted.

II. Approval of February Minutes

Armita is spelled with a d not a t (Armida)

Track Dat does not have a k in it. (Trac Dat)

Ace should be capitalized (ACE)

Mary Ellen Eckert's name was spelled incorrectly with a "art" and it should be "ert".

M/S/P

III. Introductions

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves to the group.

IV. General info

- Etudes training is being offered in March

- Pedagogy classes are starting on April 16, 2012

- Refresher course for those who are already ETUDES certified will be offered in April.

V. Distance Education Committee Members-Contract AFT.

- Alex Immerblum (Senate) Armida Ornelas (AFT)

- Distance Ed. Bylaws Section # 1 has a recommendation that we use the contract language. This is a change from what was originally voted on last fall but the proposed changes are taken directly from the contract. (Copies of recommended bylaws distributed). Armida provides context and tell us that Article # 40 was changed during contract negotiations. She clarifies that she was simply recommending that this language be added to the existing language rather than replacing it. Armida adds that the reason they opened this article is because DE has boomed since the contract was originally written. The AFT wants to align the spirit of face-to-face and online teaching as much as possible. For Example: According to the existing contract, forcing online teachers to have 50% of the shell up at the start of class is unfair because face-to-face instructors are not required to do this. Kerrin Disagrees: "Just because there is nothing in the contract that says a DE class has to be ready by day # 1 does not preclude the campus from having such a policy." Armida disagrees and feels that this policy is in conflict with the contract. Pauletta reminds the committee that we must raise our hands before speaking. Committee members voice support for requiring online instructors to have 50% of the shell up on day # 1

to prevent students from being lost. Armida clarifies that she does not disagree with the concept but she does want to point out that the contract is in place to ensure that we don't create a different set of expectations for online teachers.

Alex Immerblum discusses the membership recommendations. He recommends that the 2nd sentence of section # 1 be reworded to read "The DL Committee assists students in achieving degree and career certificates transferring, and lifelong learning." Kirrin recommends that the word assist have an s after it. No additional recommendations on section # 1. In the following paragraph, that AFT wants the contract language to be included and this is discussed. Alex Immerblum does not agree that the contract language is necessary. Alex stresses that the most important wording in the document from the senate's perspective is the language about membership. Dan asks if we are officially the Distance Education (DE) Committee or the Distance Learning (DL) Committee. Pauletta clarifies that under the new contract we are officially the distance learning committee not the distance education committee. Alex's suggested changes to Article # 1 Section # 1 pass unopposed.
M/S/P

- VI. The addition from AFT is discussed. Alex suggests that we do not add it to the document but instead make a reference to the contract. The AFT additional reference to the contract is discussed.

Section # 1 of Article # 2:

Voting members are required to be 50% appointed by AFT and 50% appointed by the Senate. The voting members must also be past or current online instructors. E-mails were sent out to all online faculty and instructors who were encouraged to come in and participate. Alex wants to add that all voting members must be past or present online instructors. Armida feels that this is already in the bylaws but it might need to be spelled out more clearly. Dan McBride asks for clarification on language in Article # 2 Section # 1 "Academic Senate DL faculty." Pauletta clarifies that "Academic Senate DL faculty" refers to the 50% of the voting members that are appointed by the academic senate.

THIS IS WHERE THE VIDEO ENDS. The remaining minutes are reconstructed from my memory. So, you will have to look over them and help me add things that I might have left out.

- VII. I know that we voted to change the voting members from 3 aft and 3 senate to 4 aft and 4 senate. (If my memory serves me correctly we might have even voted to change it to 5 because I remember us wanting to include a library rep.) Alex did not want to appoint senate appointees to the committee yet. So, he abstained and decided to wait. Armida appointed Ryan Smith, Mary Ellen Eckhart, Dan McBride and a fourth and/or 5th voting member to the committee officially and then left early. Please forgive me but I can't remember the 4th but I believe it was either Unjou Lee or Margeret.....possibly both.

VIII.

- IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

M/S/P

NEXT MEETING: April, 11, 2012 at 2:00 PM