

Santa Monica College
Academic Senate
Professional Ethics and Responsibilities Committee (PERC)
Minutes
Thursday, 5-8-2014 11:15-12:35 pm
Business Bldg, Room B220S

Members present, unless otherwise noted:

Jim Stramel, Co-Chair
Teri Bernstein, Co-Chair
Sage Bennet (absent)
Wendy Dishman (absent)
Steven Kaufman
Marco Llaguno (excused)
Ming Lu (excused)
Gary Ortega
Winnie Kakonge, student (absent)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 11:22 am.
- II. Minor edits to EP # 24 (Burnout) were made and finalized for approval by consensus.
- III. Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting were approved by consensus.
- IV. Executive Committee discussion on "civility" was reported by Teri.
- V. The email dialogue in response to the Corsair feature about women pole-dancing was discussed.
There was disagreement among committee members about the tone and form of the Corsair discussion. This led to a larger discussion of the use of FACULTY_ALL and the burgeoning concern of several faculty members about options for handling differences of opinion in public and semi-private oral and written campus communication.
The committee agreed by consensus to take the following actions:
--PERC will contact Jocelyn Chong or other administrators to get campus language on the use of FACULTY_ALL.
--PERC will contact the authors of the Corsair emails to ascertain whether the assertions presented in the public emails were factual.
--PERC will set up a Threaded Discussion FAC 101 on the topic of Civility and FACULTY_ALL and allow faculty to voice their opinions. A selection from P.M. Forni's book, *The Civility Solution: What to Do When People Are Rude*, will be included in the thread, as will copies of the emails that generated this discussion.
- VI. The draft of Ethical Professor #25: Letters of Recommendation was reviewed. Edits will be made by Teri and a revised draft will be forwarded to committee members.
- VII. The final meeting of the year will be scheduled for May 29, 2014, to finalize EP #25 and complete the Civility post (if it has not been accomplished by email in the meantime).
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.