

Santa Monica College Academic Senate
Professional Development Committee

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Nancy Hanson, Chair x3502

Kiersten Elliott x4173

Members: Monica LaBenda x4308 Sandy Chung x4170 Jessica Plotner x8644 Patricia Burson x4691
Nancy Grass Hemmert x8782 Steve Hunt, x4691 Valerie Narey x4430 Judy Neveau x4303 Cindy Kelley

Student Members

Tiffany Inabu x4251

Present: Nancy Hanson, Patricia Burson, Steve Hunt, Monica LaBenda, Judy Neveau, Kiersten Elliott

1. Minutes from the January 27, 2011 were approved as presented.
2. Nancy, Kiersten and Eric met with Dr. Tsang to discuss the plans for spring flex day. Dr. Tsang liked the plans and the resource fair. He said that in light of the budget issues, he would like to speak about the budget in his talk, so he will need at least 20 minutes, instead of the 10 minutes that was planned. He had an idea for entertainment that will be fun, but will also symbolize that things will not be easy in the coming years. The timeline for the morning will be adjusted to account for the time that Dr. Tsang requested.
4. Monica reported about the discussions with the classified staff about their participation in flex day. They will have two hours of release time for the day, and are invited to lunch. More discussion has to occur regarding what portion of the day (morning or afternoon sessions) they will attend, and how the PDC can stretch the food budget to account for the increase in attendees.
5. Kiersten is working with Steve Levine on the slideshow, and Patricia give him the music that will accompany it.
6. The connectivity issues for Jeff Bordon's presentation have been resolved with the help of Steve Hunt.
7. Pete Morris sent Nancy the revised descriptions for the food panel presentations. Still needed are the descriptions for the follow-up workshops.
8. Steve presented a spreadsheet with information on the resource fair participants. Beth Kimball (Campus Kitchens) will have a table as will Janie Jones and the AS Social Committee. We hope to have between 20-24 groups participate
9. Leila Abdulah, an instructor from the Dance Department, has confirmed that she will be doing West African dances that are related to food (harvest, planting, etc.). Unfortunately, there will be no money for an accompanying drummer, so a CD will be used instead.
10. Nancy brought some conference funding increase request to the committee regarding the adjustments that were requested by two faculty. Both were approved.
11. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10th at 1:30 in the Library Conference Room.