Meeting Minutes: November 8, 2012

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Mary Pieper-Warren, Rebecca Beal, Dave King, Lisa Morse, Cari Torres, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz, Sheila Whescarver, Lisa D’Agostino

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Items Discussed:

1. Dave King presented a follow-up to his previous presentation on the difference between Course Objectives and SLO’s. This discussion focused on better understanding the ‘assignment’ and ‘method of evaluation’ sections of the COR. He pointed out how the COM Handbook advises faculty to file this section in. He compared COM’s approach to responding to these topics with that of Santa Rosa JC. It was helpful to see the varying degrees of detail and rigor. It was suggested that the committee should continue to review these issues in support of improving our courses articulation to UC/CSU. It was also pointed out that the fundamental goal of providing extensive detail and rigor in a COR is to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

2. An extensive conversation came out of Dave’s presentation regarding the CC role in supporting not just the quality of the COR, but also the actual quality of instruction. We agreed to continue this line of conversation in coming weeks.

3. There were no Outlines to review and the College President was providing a debriefing on the WASC campus visit, so we ended the meeting early and all attended.

Courses Approved:

1. ART 116, 117, 216, 217
2. AUTO 239
3. CHEM 232E
4. DANC 111
5. MUS 181, 182, 221, 222, 281, 282, 288