

## **Dance Department Meeting Minutes**

9 March 2016

1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Pat Lefler, Lee Martino, Amy Nakamura, Karol Ritz, Michelle Shear

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Nakamura at 1:34 p.m.

- **High School Outreach:** Amy thanked the attending faculty for teaching at high school dance day! We had almost 300 high school students attend due to the second year of the addition of the black box performance space. The addition of African dance taught by Monik Jones with a live drummer was especially exciting. The two dance pieces performed were very well received by the high school students and faculty. Our Repertory group and the Dance Team performance showed the variety of our programs here at Mt. SAC and were good representations for the High School students that are interested in going in either direction.
- **American College Dance Association** Amy announced that the dancers have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Dance conference and competition, ACDA (formerly ACDF). The Repertory company will attend and represent Mt. SAC with two group dance pieces. The faculty also suggested Kylie Harris and Julian Hinojosa's Tap duet for the informal showing. We feel these are a fantastic reflection of our dance program. The four days of classes and performances start on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Cal State Los Angeles.
- **Curriculum/Certificates/AA Degree:** The department discussed creating one or two new performance classes to give our students more performing opportunities, to foster outreach and to help recruit for the dance program. Amy has been including a Dance Touring company in our program planning (PIE) for many years and feels that with a new full time hire coming in this Fall, now would be the best time to create the course(s). The faculty agreed and adjunct professor Michelle Shear volunteered to work on these courses and research other programs that have a similar course(s) and company. The faculty also agreed that an African dance course would be a wonderful addition to our program and adjunct professor Monik Jones said she would start working on sample curriculum. Faculty agreed that many colleges offer world dance, cultural dance and historical dance forms and we are lacking in that area.

- **Budget:** Amy thanked the faculty for turning in music purchase requests, video purchase requests and classroom supply requests. She will be submitting the requests to Suzy this week.
- **Scheduling/Textbook orders:** Amy is currently working on proofing the first download of the Fall 16' schedule. She also reminded faculty that textbook orders for Summer will be due in April. Orders for Fall will be due at the end of May.
- **Dance under the Stars Choreography Festival:** Submissions for this festival are due May 15th. Faculty were encouraged to submit their pieces. This is one of our efforts to offer more performing and competing opportunities for our students and to one day have a touring company.
- **Academic Senate:** Amy reported news and updates from Academic Senate meetings.
- **SLO's/PIE:** Amy reported that the dance department will be focusing its energy on the PIE report which is due at the end of June as well as inputting new SLO's in and running current SLO's. Amy encouraged faculty members to please submit the forms updating important dance department events, budgets and faculty achievements as well as any data from the courses we are currently running. She reminded faculty to keep in mind that budget requests need to be directly tied to PIE. Michelle mentioned the need for accompanists in dance class and Amy mentioned the need to acquire two more ballet barres to replace the two older set of barres on 122.
- **Concert:** Amy and Lee reported that the Spring Concert has begun rehearsals and will have a screening on March 29th to determine which pieces are ready for the mainstage. All faculty are welcome in the screening process. Dates for this year's concert are May 20, 21, at 8pm and May 22th at 2pm.
- **Announcements:** The next department meeting will be on April 21st at 10am.

Adjournment 2:39 p.m.