

Dialog Committee Report for Arts and Sciences Faculty meeting of February 2011

The last regular meeting of the Dialog Committee was the 9th of December, 2010, and lasted from 10:45am to 12:20pm.

The meeting centered on several issues, including:

Concerns about the medical plan and how best to demand faculty input in all stages of the negotiation process [participation! for those thinking about accreditation issues] in the negotiations for future agreements.

Concerns about the status, viability, and “life-expectancy” of our retirement plan, including the long term effects of the Junta de Sindicos’ decision to reduce the University’s contribution by several million dollars.

Continuing concerns with the lack of a standard plan for dealing with the frequent situations where professors are expected to teach in unsafe, unhygienic, or otherwise unacceptable conditions. See [attached] the accompanying motion which was presented and discussed in the last Arts and Sciences meeting [12/14/2010] and which was not voted on due to lack of quorum.

Concerns with availability of emergency medical services in late evening class or exam schedules.

Concern for lack of telephone switchboard for people calling from off-campus.

Concern with the price of maintenance of the swimming pools and other athletic facilities and how

Concerns that some Arts and Sciences faculty resolutions might not be disseminated as planned or given adequate follow-up. See attached resolution stating that such motions or resolutions should be sent to the Academic Senate, the Administrative Board, faculty, Chancellor, the University Board, and the Board of Trustees *unless otherwise stated by the proponent or clearly indicated within the resolution*. In the event that there is some doubt about how to disseminate the resolution the meeting should clear this up before proceeding to other items on the agenda.

Questions about vacation days being taken from Researchers for the strike period, and about the legal status of non-payment of excess sick-leave days. The Committee discussed the desirability of having a lawyer examine this last issue.