



ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES

January 27, 2011

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Jesse Saldana;  
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Carlos Urquidi;  
COUNSELING DIVISION, Deborah Michelle;  
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Molly Schulps  
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION, Sally McNay;  
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION & LIBRARY, Cherie Dickey;  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Bill Pinkham;  
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH DIVISION, Alex Mintzer;  
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, Regina Rhymes;

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SENATORS-AT-LARGE: Ron Armale, John Alexander, Vicki Castle, Nancy Deutsch, Joe Gallo,  
Jolena Grande, Kathy Llanos, Rosalie Majid, Gary Zager;

ADJUNCT SENATOR: Julia Jordanides

LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Tiffany Saw and Jasmine Lee;

CAMPUS DIVERSITY:

CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Rosalie Majid;

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Cherie Dickey;

FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jolena Grande;

STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;

UNITED FACULTY: Regina Rhymes

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Pat Ganer

ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Rob Johnson

Senators and Officers Absent: Bill Pinkham

Alternates in Attendance: None

Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, Jolena Grande, Regina Rhymes, and  
Tiffany Saw

Guests: Karen Cant, Luke Latham, Daniel Lind, Michael McCombs, Omar Pichardo, Therese  
Mosqueda-Ponce, Renee Ssensalo

The meeting was called to order by Pat Ganer at 3:03 PM.

President Ganer invited the new Career/Technical Education Division Representative, Carlos Urquidi, to introduce himself.

I. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of December 9, 2010, were approved. M/S/P, with three abstentions. (Dickey/Zager). Senator Llanos expressed a desire to receive minutes at least two days before the meeting so Senators have time to review before voting.

II. Public Commentary  
Puente Program Advisor, Therese Mosqueda-Ponce, along with more than 30 students representing the Puente and Legacy Programs, spoke to the Senate regarding the discussion regarding the elimination of official recognition of graduation regalia in the printed program distributed at commencement. Several students expressed a desire to retain their special sashes because they represent teamwork by identifying those students who belong to particular organizations and programs, represent achievements and accomplishments outside of the academic curriculum, and provide a recruiting tool for others attending graduation who may be interested in pursuing a community college education.

Daniel Lind, chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, expressed his desire to retain the graduation regalia with accompanying recognition in the official commencement program. Renee Ssensalo, another counselor involved with specialized student programs, expressed similar thoughts.

Michael McCombs, Senate Associated Students representative, explained that the commencement ceremony is designed to recognize the achievement of all students graduating from Cypress College and should be used to emphasize the achievement of the degree, rather than individual program membership.

III. President's Report – *Pat Ganer*

A. Board of Trustees – *Pat Ganer*

President Ganer reported that at the December meeting of the BOT, the agenda included the School of Continuing Education's annual report. At the January meeting, the agenda included discussion of trustee area reorganization with consideration of both the Federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act. The district will solicit bids (RFPs) from firms to assist in reorganization research.

B. District Planning Council/Chancellor's Cabinet – *Pat Ganer*

Once again, the budget situation within the state was a topic of discussion. With three scenarios described, the best case for the district assumes tax extensions will be passed by voters in June with an accompanying increase in student fees coming back to campus, and will yield a loss of \$7.7 million. If the tax package fails, but the state funds Prop 98 at the minimum level, there will be a \$13.6 million loss to the district. If Prop 98 is suspended and the tax extension fails, then the district will lose \$22 million. Also discussed was a workload reduction (reducing the number of students served) which could also reduce the district's full-time faculty obligation. The district is currently mandated to have 530 full-time faculty, which may be reduced to 503 with workload reductions. Currently, the district serves more than

4,000 students not paid by the state. The workload reduction could also mean halting the hiring process for the 24 full-time faculty positions recently approved by the district. The district estimates a savings of \$85,000 for each new hire including benefits. It was noted that 85% of the district's budget is allocated for personnel costs. Within the discussion of options to address the budget shortfall was the consideration of furloughs and salary reductions. However, no specific proposals regarding those or other options are currently being offered

The Board of Trustees recently passed a policy revision on preventing identity theft and BP 4225.

C. Chancellor's Cabinet and Meeting with Senate Presidents – *Pat Ganer*

Dr. Doffoney met with the Senate presidents regarding his vision of a potential music conservatory in the district

D. Planning & Budget Committee (PBC) – *Pat Ganer*

One item of discussion involved the ARCC report, which shows improvement in most areas. The students will have a "name the dining room" contest to find a name for the student dining area. Once submitted to Associated Students, final approval of the name will be decided by PAC. The server project to replace the campus server was discussed. \$300,000 would be needed for the server along with \$28,000 for yearly maintenance. Equipment replacement is estimated at \$4.2 million, with replacement over 5 years. The last item reported involved the Title V grant classified position. It is currently at 40%, but would need to be at least 50% in order to be eligible for district benefits. The college is discussion options to make it a position eligible for benefits

E. Liaison Items – *Pat Ganer*

The joint senates/unions meeting was held on Friday, January 21, 2011, at Fullerton College. Discussions included the Educational Master Plan, 125 Health Benefits, and AB 1440 – transfer degrees.

PAC discussed the Educational Master Plan. The College Planning Committee will further refine the EMP.

President Ganer reminded the Senate that the annual Americana Awards would be at the end of February. There is an added incentive this year to get at least 750 people to attend. If the Foundation can secure 750 reservations, then United California Bank offered to sponsor (underwrite) Americana for 5 years and would donate \$25,000 each year to the Foundation. President Ganer encouraged faculty to attend the event.

IV. Faculty Issues – Old Business

A. Graduation Regalia – *Pat Ganer*

A subcommittee was formed in the fall to consider official recognition of graduation regalia items in the commencement program. Many students, along with three faculty members/counselors addressed the Senate during public

commentary (see above), encouraging the Senate to retain the current graduation regalia with official recognition in the commencement program. The subcommittee will meet before the next Senate meeting and will provide a report at the February meeting.

B. Faculty Parking – Lots 7 & 8 – *Alex Mintzer*

Senator Mintzer is concerned about the imbalance of faculty parking available in Lot 7. He suggests that faculty spaces be added to lot 7, encourage Humanities faculty to park in lot 8, and investigate the irregular/special issues involving faculty spaces, i.e., issuing faculty permits to Michael McCombs indicated that students have 10 permits. Deborah Michelle added that some DSPS students receive faculty permits on a short-term basis. Gary Zager offered to encourage Humanities faculty to use lot 8.

Karen Cant addressed the Senate regarding the continuing need to inventory parking lot use on campus. She reported to the Senate that there would be another inventory done this semester that will be used during the summer to change striping in the lots, and potentially adding faculty spaces. She mentioned that lot 8 is now a split-use lot based on the research/inventory on patterns of use. Students are not allowed to park in faculty spaces even after 5 PM, and they receive tickets for not having a parking permit. Disabled students, Rob Johnson noted, are allowed to park in faculty spaces if there is a visible disabled parking placard and a Cypress College parking permit. Joe Gallo suggested that faculty spaces be added, but not reduced, and Julia Jordanides mentioned that there are problems finding parking in the late morning. Karen Cant agreed that the parking inventory needs to be conducted during several time periods.

C. College Lecture Series – *Nancy Deutsch*

Nancy asked that this item be carried forward to the next meeting.

V. Faculty Issues – New Business

A. Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session – *Rob Johnson*

Rob reported that this was the most agreeable meeting attended with much less dissension or revisions offered for the resolutions. He asked that Senators review the final report available on the J drive and be prepared for a discussion at the next meeting. Specific issues addressed include SB 1440 implementation, federal regulation of higher education, and student success.

B. Course Repeatability – BP 4225 - *Pat Ganer*

President Ganer indicated that the District Planning Council is waiting to take action on BP 4225 until the Senates have had a chance to discuss the changes. State regulations limit the number of times a course can be repeated due to substandard grades. The District policy would also include withdrawals in the limitations on repeatability. The motion to approve the changes to BP 4225 was passed (Mintzer/Dickey).

C. ASCCC Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award – *Pat Ganer*

There were no nominations and no action was taken on this item.

- D. Faculty Awards – *Pat Ganer*  
President Ganer asked for this item to be held for the next meeting.
- E. Campus Safety Concerns – *Pat Ganer*  
President Ganer encouraged Senators to review the guide available on the J drive for dealing with difficult students. She suggested that Senators consider specific workshops that either staff development or the counseling staff could offer to faculty members. This item will be held over for the next meeting.
- F. Sanctions for Academic Dishonesty – *Alex Mintzer*  
Luke Latham, adjunct faculty from Biology, addressed the Senate regarding faculty grade assignment. He provided a written statement questioning the use of the word “obligated” in the catalog concerning appropriate penalties faculty can impose for student’s academic dishonesty. He asked the Senate to consider rewording the passage with the word “may” or some other revision as to not limit the faculty member’s right to assign a grade. Nancy Deutsch suggested that a review is necessary if the policy does not comply with state law, as Luke’s analysis suggests. This item is being held for the next meeting to allow Senators to review the handout provided, and for a review of the Academic Dishonesty policy.
- G. District-Wide Music Conservatory – *Joe Gallo*  
Senator Gallo asked that the Music Department at Cypress College be included in further discussions concerning Dr. Doffoney’s vision of creating a music conservatory. He also suggested that Karen Cant be included in the conversations, as facilities will likely be impacted.

## VI. Special Reports

- A. Accreditation Self-Study – *Cherie Dickey*
- On January 21, there was a site team visit from the chair and the faculty accreditation liaison. Eleven members will visit the campus once the site team arrives. The members are from across the state, Hawaii, Guam, and are all community college members.
  - @Cypress will have Q&A about the self-study beginning tomorrow. Cherie encouraged Senators to read @Cypress.
- B. Associated Students – *Tiffany Saw*
- There will be a “Welcome Back” event on February 2. The theme is flashback with students encouraged to wear outfits from the ‘80s and ‘90s.
  - Associated Students will also be holding a blood drive.

- C. United Faculty – *Regina Rhymes*
    - No report.
  - D. Staff Development – *Nancy Deutsch*
    - Nancy Deutsch reminded Senators that the Best Practices workshop has been scheduled, but may be cancelled due to low enrollment. She distributed a flyer with information about the workshop.
  - E. Curriculum Committee – *Cherie Dickey*
    - The first meeting will be held next week.
  - F. Campus Technology Committee – Rosalie Majid
    - No report
  - G. Academic Senate Treasurer's Report – *Ron Armale*
    - No report.
  - H. Foundation Report – Beth Piburn
    - President Ganer reminded Senators that the Americana Awards would be held at the end of February (see above).
  - I. Basic Skills Committee – *Cherie Dickey*
    - No report.
  - J. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment – *Nancy Deutsch*
    - No report.
- VII. Announcements
- Gary Zager reported on the Memorial Celebration held last Saturday for Lucinda Alibrandi. He specifically wanted to recognize the tremendous effort by Robert Mercer and Mike Kavanaugh in using campus technology to record the live webcast of the ceremony.
- VIII. President Ganer adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jolena Grande, Secretary