



ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES

March 22, 2007

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Susana Jianto;
COUSELING DIVISION, Deidre Porter;
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Rob Johnson;
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION, Kathy Boettger;
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION, Kathy Llanos;
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Nancy Welliver;
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH DIVISION, Craig Tomooka;
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, Will Heusser;
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL DIVISION, Dan Snook;

SENATORS-AT-LARGE: Michael Brydges, Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, Michael Flores,
Michael Frey, Pat Ganer, Ian Holmes, Beth Piburn, Karen Watson.

ADJUNCT SENATOR:

LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Josh Luna;
CAMPUS DIVERSITY: Allison Gotoh;
CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Rob Johnson;
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Peggy Austin;
FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;
IQA COMMITTEE: Kathy Alvarez;
SITE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mark Majarian;
STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;
UNITED FACULTY:

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Steve Gold
ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Fola Odebunmi
Senators and Officers Absent: Ian Holmes
Alternates in Attendance: Ed Giardina for Ian Holmes
Liaisons in Attendance: Peggy Austin, Nancy Deutsch, Josh Luna, Beth Piburn
Guests: Deborah Michelle

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Gold at 3:07 p.m.

- I. M/S/U (Piburn/Llanos) to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting.

A correction has been added to the approved minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting, Section III.E.: the request for money from Planning and Budget for furniture and technology was in the amount of \$750,000, not \$150,000.

- II. Public Commentary: (Public commentary is time made available for issues to be brought before the Senate. No action will be taken at the time of the commentary and statements do not reflect the Senate position absent any action.)

No public commentary.

- III. President's Report *Steve Gold*

A. Shared Governance

Last Monday, at the regular monthly meeting of the Chancellor and the three Senate Presidents, Joumana McGowan was away at an accreditation meeting, but the Chancellor, Andrea Sibley-Smith and Steve Gold discussed shared governance issues. Chancellor Hunter is firm in his belief that no violations of shared governance have occurred. The three Senate Presidents will continue to work toward better communication at DPC, as outlined in their memo to the Chancellor, dated March 8, 2007. Steve emailed all Senators a copy of the memo.

Steve noted that the Cypress Chronicle has recently included articles on the issues of union negotiations and shared governance. One of the NOCCCD Board members responded by mail to the articles. Information published in the Cypress Chronicle is available at www.cychron.com, and the entire letter can be viewed in the Labor Relations section.

B. Site and Facilities Committee

Mark Majarian and Dan Pelletier are on the committee as faculty representatives. Marcia Clark represents CSEA. Mark is thinking that it is time to dissolve the committee. During discussion, Senate agreed that the committee was no longer needed for the current remodeling project and that when individual building remodels begin, it would be more appropriate to have faculty from those areas sit in on meetings rather than having a campus-wide committee. The original purpose of the committee had been to facilitate faculty involvement in major decision-making early in the process and to ensure that faculty did not hear about changes too far down the road to provide effective input. There has always been a question regarding whether the committee was just a conduit of information rather than having faculty and classified involved in decision-making. Senate agreed that it did serve to communicate information sooner than would have otherwise occurred.

Some important lessons learned:

- Faculty should be involved early in the process
- It is a good idea for faculty to ask questions "early and often"
- It is not too early to form faculty committees for upcoming building remodels

When asked about faculty involvement in the upcoming Humanities Building remodel, Senators from the Social Science and Language Arts divisions indicated that they have been very involved in the process. Recently, representatives from every department and the Deans and the architect have met in various

configurations. However, they indicated that they did virtually nothing until the money was assured and then were very rushed in needing to make a wide array of crucial decisions in a short period of time. Based on this experience, they stressed that faculty in other areas should start looking at plans and potential issues (.e.g., increased square footage per student) well before the money is awarded. They specifically suggested that faculty in the SEM building be proactive in becoming involved as soon as possible.

C. Committee Appointments

Senate confirmed the following appointments:

- Hiring Committee for the Interim SEM Dean – Lenore Landis, Laurie Morvan, Adel Rajab, Brinda Subramaniam
- Study Abroad Committee – Armando Mendoza

D. PAC

The Deans recommended and PAC approved the seven classified positions Steve had reported on at the last meeting: 4 additional custodians, an SEM administrative assistant (this position had been #2 on the priority list), an HVAC mechanic, and an IT staffer. It was determined that the IT staffer needs to be a coordinator since he/she will need to have broad duties and to be on duty evenings and weekends.

E. Planning and Budget

The Direction Committees have met and prioritized the one-time funding requests.

The new estimate for the campus website is \$150,000.

F. Reassigned Time Task Force

The Task Force expects to make a recommendation by the end of April. Dr. Lewis feels the decision should be made during her tenure.

G. Graduation

Cap and Gown reservations are due March 30. Several Senators commented on the importance of having as many faculty attend as possible. It was noted that the graduation ceremony should be seen as an all-college celebration. The Senate would like to see A.S. reprise the “Stand by Me” program in future years and issue invitations early enough for faculty to order caps and gowns by the due date. Steve noted that it is a well-run, efficient graduation ceremony and the students deserve to have the faculty there. For faculty members who attend the graduation, there is a pre-party with the President and Board of Trustee Members and a post-party at a faculty member’s home. This year the post-party will be at Cherie Dickey’s home near the campus.

H. State Chancellor Visit

On April 24, Cypress College will host a visit from

- Mark Drummond, State Chancellor
- Scott Lay, President of the Community College League of California
- Ian Walton, President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
- Larry Toy, President of the Foundation of California Community Colleges

Steve encouraged Senators to join him in attending the open forum to which faculty, staff, and students will be invited.

I. Senate Elections

A volunteer is needed for Senate Secretary. Beth Piburn and Rob Johnson have expressed an interest in running for President-Elect. This is the year to elect Division Senators. The by-laws state that "Each Division shall be responsible for the election of one representative to the Academic Senate." Each Division may determine how to conduct its election.

IV. Faculty Issues

A. Local Awards *Cherie Dickey*

The finalists have been selected for all three awards and recommendation letters are coming in for the finalists.

B. Revision to Disciplines List – Yoga *Nancy Welliver*

Nancy presented a memo from the P.E. Department (see Attachment 1), requesting that the State Academic Senate endorse adding Yoga to the list of "Disciplines in Which a Master's Degree is not Generally Expected or Available." Nancy noted that Self-Defense and Martial Arts are already on this list because these areas are so specialized. During discussion, it was noted that this would not preclude someone with a master's degree in P.E. from teaching Yoga, but it would allow the college to hire someone who did not have a master's degree but did have an appropriate level of certification in Yoga. The P.E. Department feels they could fill 2-3 sections of Yoga, but they cannot offer it because they currently cannot hire someone to teach it.

M/S/C (Piburn/Johnson) to direct our delegate to oppose Resolution 10.05. (This refers to the resolutions from the ASCCC Exec Committee that will be voted on at the Spring Plenary. Resolutions 10.01 through 10.07 are the revisions to the Disciplines List. This motion indicates that the Cypress College Academic Senate wants Yoga to be added to the list of "Disciplines in Which a Master's Degree is not Generally Expected or Available.")

C. Constitution Update

Discussion continued on updates to the Constitution. Senators should bring their annotated copies of the Constitution to the next meeting.

V. Special Reports:

A. Associated Students *Josh Luna*

Josh reported that Senior Day went really well; seniors attended from over 30 high schools and were able to enroll, if they so desired.

The Associated Students vs. Faculty Volleyball Tournament will be held Thursday, April 12th, at 5:00 pm. Since they are delaying the start time until after the conclusion of the Senate meeting, they are hoping that all Senators will attend.

B. Curriculum Committee *Peggy Austin*

The Curriculum Committee is working on a new approval process, which would shorten the amount of time it takes for curriculum to come through the system. To further expedite the process, they are looking at having submissions by course rather than by division. If this option is approved, the committee will set a schedule and submissions would begin about the 4th week of the Fall semester. They are also planning to provide additional CurricUNet training.

C. Campus Technology Committee *Rob Johnson*

The committee concluded the interviews for the development of the campus website. Only one candidate seemed viable, but the bid was above our budget. (See III.D. above, where Steve reported that the budget estimate has been increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000.) There may be delays, but the committee feels that it is more important that the website be developed the right way than that it be done in a hurry.

Rob talked with Frank Smith about the concept of an Electronic Bulletin Board (as discussed at the last Senate meeting). Frank said they are working on a LISTSERV-type solution so that some emails would be identified as “must-see” and others would be routed by an email list management system. Rob noted that deciding what belongs in the “must-see” category is a challenge in itself.

D. Compressed Calendar Ad Hoc Committee *Will Heusser*

The committee is waiting to coordinate schedules with Fullerton College and United Faculty.

E. Site and Facilities Committee *Mark Majarian*

Mark submitted the following written report:

1. A "forensics" consultant has been hired to assess whether the concrete in Phase 1 (Fine Arts) of the Piazza needs to be redone. This would entail a great deal of work, expense and possible litigation. The redo might cost 1 million??!!
2. A concrete walkway is planned to be poured over Spring Break that will traverse the campus behind the Cypress College Complex.
3. CW Driver has employed a full-time safety engineer for the campus.
4. Field restroom will be ready after the current season.
5. The remodel for the Theater building including TA 104, the culinary arts area has begun and is behind schedule by 3 weeks. Culinary Arts will be remodeled to accommodate Academic Computing and a new Fine Arts Gallery will replace the former dining room.
6. The pond will be resurfaced and completed by 3/22.

F. Staff Development *Nancy Deutsch*

Nancy urged all faculty to please complete the Staff Development Needs Assessment Survey next week. The new state staff development money requires the survey. As more information is obtained, Staff Development will be better able to meet needs next year.

Nancy distributed copies of the Cypress College Title V Newsletter. We are halfway through the fourth year of the current Title V 5-year grant, which ends September 30, 2008. On Thursday, March 29th, 2:30-3:30, we will start discussion for writing a new Title V grant, which we can submit in Spring 2008. If awarded, this new grant would start Fall 2009. Title V grants support the start of programs that do not currently exist at the college.

Michael Brydges announced that he will be sending information to faculty regarding opportunities to learn about and become involved in developing new learning communities. He emphasized that this is not about more administrative work; instead, learning communities offer exciting new ways to enrich and enhance what faculty do in the classroom.

G. Foundation Report *Beth Piburn*

Beth submitted the following written report :

- Scholarship Awards: May 7, 2-4PM – over \$250,000 in scholarships awarded this year.
- Emergency Assistance: Over \$11,000 given to students needing assistance.
- Faculty Mini-Grants: Information coming in April
- By June, the Foundation will have given approximately \$500,000 to the college for various programs.

H. Campus Diversity

Two brochures (on file) were distributed; they highlight books and videos particularly relevant to Women's History Month, March 2007. The books and videos are available for checkout at the Cypress College Library.

VI. Resolutions

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment of the meeting at 5:15 p.m. M/S/U (Llanos/Piburn).

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Watson, Secretary

Attachment 1 Revision to Disciplines List — YOGA

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To: Executive Committee, State Academic Senate
From: Cypress College Physical Education Division
Date: March 22, 2007
Re: Revision to Disciplines List — YOGA

Cypress College Physical Education Division supports the SCOPE “Revision to Disciplines List” proposal to:

Add YOGA to list of:

“Disciplines in Which a Master’s Degree is not Generally Expected or Available”

This proposal is intended to make the hiring of experienced qualified yoga teachers possible. Currently many qualified Yoga teachers cannot teach in the California Community Colleges because, while they may possess a post graduate degree(s), they lack a Master’s degree in the discipline of Physical Education. Teachers in the Yoga discipline are currently trained and certified at the 200 and 500 hour levels, primarily outside the traditional educational setting.

Adding YOGA to list of “Disciplines in Which a Master’s Degree is not Generally Expected or Available” is **distinctive from the discipline of Physical Education**. While yoga is offered primarily in the physical education curriculum, faculty hired under the yoga discipline would **not retain bumping rights** into other physical education assignments. **This proposal will in no way inhibit the discipline of Physical Education.**

This proposal *does not force* colleges to use the Yoga discipline in the teaching of Yoga classes within the Physical Education discipline. The faculty at each college, with Academic Senate approval, ultimately decides what disciplines are assigned to each course in the curriculum process. Adding Yoga to the list of disciplines “in which a Master’s Degree is not generally expected or available” will allow colleges more flexibility in hiring qualified experienced Yoga teachers.

Since a Master’s degree in YOGA is not generally available. We may find it difficult to continue to meet the needs of our students for increased course offerings relying on current four year college graduates. We can come up with a solution for this strong trend now, or we can leave it to our successors. The Yoga discipline has deep roots, an ancient history and lineage and will continue to be an area of growth in the Community Colleges in California.

Cypress College is in favor of the proposal to:

Add YOGA to list of:

“Disciplines in Which a Master’s Degree is not generally Expected or Available”

NAME: Physical Education/Athletic Division
COLLEGE: Cypress College
TITLE: Nancy Welliver, Academic Senate Representative

SIGNATURE: _____
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