



ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
October 11, 2007

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Jesse Saldana;
COUSELING DIVISION, Deborah Michelle;
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Rob Johnson;
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION, Rosalie Majid;
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION, Barbara Kashi;
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Bill Pinkham;
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH DIVISION, Victoria Castle-Donovetsky;
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, Regina Rhymes;
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL DIVISION, Dan Snook;

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

ADJUNCT SENATOR:
LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Jeanette Vazquez;
CAMPUS DIVERSITY: Allison Gotoh;
CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Rob Johnson;
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Peggy Austin;
FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;
IQA COMMITTEE: Kathy Alvarez;
STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;
UNITED FACULTY: Dale Craig

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Cherie Dickey
ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Steve Gold
Senators and Officers Absent: Dan Snook
Alternates in Attendance:
Liaisons in Attendance: Jeanette Vazquez, Peggy Austin, Beth Piburn, Nancy Deutsch
Guests:

The meeting was called to order by President Cherie Dickey 3:18 p.m.

- I. M/S/U (Piburn/Llanos) to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting, as corrected.
- 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.)

Peggy Austin spoke of the current contract being negotiated and specifically the language being proposed by the district, related to librarians. There is concern that the

new wording would make it difficult for librarians to take part in campus leadership activities, since only five hours are allowed.

III. President's Report Cherie Dickey

Planning and Budget:

The Budget Units representing Campus wide program areas (Puente, Honors, etc.) would like to change from 7 to 9 Requests for one-time funding since there are a total of 9 programs looking to obtain funding.

The Student Services Master Plan task force will meet one more time for minor edits and then submit the Plan to Planning and Budget in November.

Court Reporting requested funding for electrical outlets for one of their walls in their classroom. A outlet bank will cost between \$5000 to \$10000 and has been allocated.

President's Advisory Committee

A flyer was passed out which gives the summary of current status of construction projects on the campus (on file).

The liability for children on campus was discussed and Bob Simpson will determine if there is any district policy with regards to this. It was felt that any policy related to faculty children present on campus should not be on the same policy as student children. This will continue to be worked on to determine what policy faculty children on campus should fall under.

The following appointments were made to the Reorganization Task Force
Penny Gabourie and Gary Zager

The Task Force will be meeting over November and December. Cherie has requested that Penny and Gary update the Senate on any progress of the Task Force.

District Planning Council:

A handout presenting the Cycle of Program Review and Comprehensive Survey Projects at Cypress College was given to the Senate. This gives the schedule for these reviews out to 2011.

Direction One has a Faculty member from Social Science appointed to it. The faculty member is: David Halamy

A faculty member from Language Arts is still required. The call was placed for this and Cherie will wait for a couple of days to see if any faculty member from Language Arts will offer their services, if not, then a general call to all faculty members will be given so that the slot can be filled.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

An exciting presentation was given for "My Gateway" at the board meeting. Cherie suggested that everyone check their email and sign up for training since this is about to launch.

The Board did not pass the FC Curriculum that was not signed by the President of the College. They want to see Curriculum signed onto by all parties before approving. The Board did look at this carefully and asked questions about this. They did feel that Curriculum content was primarily under Faculty's purview, but they feel the language describing class is unclear language describing the responsible parties. It was suggested that it would be useful to obtain a memorandum of understanding about this with UF. The Chancellor stressed that we have a campus curriculum process and that DCCC was a part of that process. Cherie handed out the Chancellor's proposal regarding this topic.

IV. Faculty Issues

A. Learning Communities

Michael Brydges passed out a flyer and asked everyone to post it and encourage students to join a specific Learning Community. UTAP Program is looking to link an English course with one other course, if interested please contact Michael Brydges.

B. Curriculum Approval Process

C. Faculty Hiring Prioritization

The Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee held its meeting and faculty were represented by the Academic Senate President, President-Elect, and Past President. It was a cordial meeting where comments were open, respected, and listened to. Bob Simpson will take the committee's recommendations to Mike Kasler and then the president will bring them to PAC. Currently, there are five replacement positions to be filled.

D. Special Programs Review

A handout was given detailing the various programs and the review process (on file). The Senate should review this draft and provide comments to Cherie for the next PAC meeting.

E. Academic Freedom Policy

The Academic Freedom Policy was discussed at DPC. Jeff Horsely stated his belief that the language in Section 4.0 should be placed in the District's Unlawful Discrimination Policy rather than the Academic Freedom Policy. Also, that the wording seemed backward because how would the District know that the student's formal complaint has to do with academic freedom when starting its investigation? The faculty at DPC explained their concern that not all issues related to academic freedom would

be covered under unlawful discrimination and felt it was important that the statement appear in both. Further discussion of this item will continue at the next Chancellor's Cabinet.

V. Special Reports

A. Associate Students Jeanette Vazquez

The Special Elections were held by AS. The By-laws were changed to allow 15 Programmers and Senators instead of seven each. There are 35 members of AS. On Wednesday a barbecue will be held along with a mock election since it is Constitution Day. President Kasler addressed AS and expressed his appreciation for the outreach to students to join AS.

B. Treasurer's Report Karen Watson

None

C. IQA Committee Kathy Alvarez

None

D. Curriculum Committee Peggy Austin

A total of 341 items are in review currently. To get through all of these may be difficult. A more streamlined effort may be required. One difficulty is that minor revisions are treated as major revisions and therefore take longer. Another difficulty is that faculty may wait until the last minute. Faculty need to work throughout the process to alleviate this problem. There was some discussion of the Senate making some effort to speed the process which would help in moving items through the committee and perhaps then encouraging faculty members to join in the curriculum process and committee.

E. Campus Tech Committee

At the last Campus Tech Committee meeting, there was a demonstration of My Gateway. Frank reported on a positive visit from the new Website providers. It is planned to have all ready and implemented by Graduation date. It is important that all information that is necessary for the new website be submitted, otherwise it would cost additional money to address anything new.

F. Staff Development Nancy Deutsch

The participation for the My Gateway and Luminus Portal training has been low. It is crucial that this improves since it will be turned on shortly and everyone will need to know how to use it. Additional training will possibly be added after October. It will go live November 14th with a live test using 80 to 100 stations running it to check its viability.

G. Foundation Report Beth Piburn

None

H. Adjunct Faculty

None

I. United Faculty Dale Craig (absent)

Dale Craig reported that Will Heusser was elected to be on the UF Board. The District and UF are very close to agreement on the academic calendar. This new calendar will minimize lost days between fall and spring semesters. UF will provide a Faculty survey to see where to go next in the negotiations with the District. This survey will look for direction with the negotiations with respect to load banking, councilor and librarian loads. The District has filed for impasse on these items, but has not voted yet.

J. Campus Diversity

A pamphlet was handed out for "Women and Aids" in the world. There is a need for mentors in the Puente program. Dr. Kasler would like to see more diversity within the goals of the committee.

VI. Second Reading: Resolution re: Class size and the Curriculum Approval

The resolution on Class Size and the Curriculum Approval Process was tabled since several issues have changed since the last meeting.

M/S/U (Johnson/Saldana) to table the resolution for class size.

VII. Adjournment of the meeting at 5:14 p.m. M/S/U (Deutsch/Llanos)

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Frey
Academic Senate Secretary