



ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES

October 13, 2005

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Jesse Saldana;
COUSELING DIVISION, Deidre Porter;
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Rob Johnson;
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION, Kathy Boettger;
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION, Kathy Llanos;
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Bill Pinkham;
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH DIVISION, Craig Tomooka;
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, Will Heusser;
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL DIVISION, Dan Snook.

SENATORS-AT-LARGE: Cindy Alibrandi, Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, Pat Ganer,
Steve Gold, Beth Piburn, Doug Sallade, Randa Wahbe, Jane Wood.

ADJUNCT SENATOR: Catherine Whitsett.,

LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Daniel Sarwono; absent
CAMPUS DIVERSITY: Randa Wahbe;
CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Gary Zager; absent
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Peggy Austin; absent
FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;
IQA COMMITTEE: Renee Ssensalo; absent
SITE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mark Majarian;
STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;
UNITED FACULTY: Linda Borla;

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Fola Odebunmi
ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Michael Brydges
Guests: Ben Izadi
Senators Absent: Doug Sallade, Bill Pinkham

The meeting was called to order by President Fola Odebunmi at 3:02 p.m.

- I. M/S/U (Saldana/Gold) to approve as corrected the minutes of the September 22, 2005, meeting.
- 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):

Craig Tomooka – Issue of lack of office staff for SEM. Craig provided handouts showing that SEM produces 23% of all FTES, they have 108 faculty, and one office staff. His graph showed the FTES's per office staff and office staffing differences for

all of the divisions (on file). SEM's solution – transfer one office staff to SEM, which would be a minimal cost. Craig asked division reps to give feedback at the next senate meeting when this issue will be on the agenda as a faculty issue.

Craig was commended for supplying very specific information to the senate - rather than general information - which allows us to seriously look at and evaluate the material.

III.

A. Faculty Issues:

1. Strategic Plan (attached) – PAC is waiting for Senate's response. Concerns were raised that faculty hadn't had a chance to give feedback even within the direction committees. There were some concerns such as if the VP is the only person named to carry out a particular action, does it mean that he is the only person to do that or is he just the contact person? Concern regarding faculty by-in on some Direction committees. Suggested to change the word "Who" to "Lead Person." Important that faculty take the initiative to speak up within any direction committee they are on. Sense of the senate that Fola and Michael voice these concerns at PAC.
2. Academic Freedom Policy (attached) – Fola emailed Academic Freedom documents to senate members for today's discussion. Concerns raised regarding the wording "Shall be no curtailment of presentation of factual material" Who is determining that all factual material has been presented? Also concern raised regarding only "factual" material. Many disciplines also look at theories. Seems that the language is trying to push the liability on the teacher if someone says something controversial. It seems to be an attempt at curtailing academic freedom. Suggested that the statement be deleted.

The senate presidents and UF president met with the Chancellor. One concern was 1.0 - proposed revision implying use of the same list of textbooks within a department. Others interpreted it that as long as a department accepts the textbooks, a faculty member is free to choose any one that is to be used. Our course outlines specifically state textbooks "such as," which gives faculty freedom to choose. Another concern re. 3.0 – wording may be too narrow when talking about "professional standards" and "community of scholars." Suggested change of wording to "professional standards as set by the community of scholars."

The arrangement of the columns is as follows: 1. faculty draft, 2. explanation of changes, 3. Chancellor's draft, 4. explanation of changes. The Chancellor also forwarded a draft of the policy dated September 20, 2005, as a single page, "Presented by Chancellor, Based on input from Academic Senates & Chancellor's Staff."

Fola and Steve will attend the next meeting of the academic senate presidents and the Chancellor.
3. Classified Needs Assessment (attached) - the formula same as what we used for one-time funding. Based on budget units. The assessment is being created in order to fill a classified position in case an area loses a

classified person rather than being created to add additional classified positions. Important to alert divisions that this is a prime issue for each division's help. M/S/U (Ganer/Piburn) approval of the adoption of the document.

4. Negotiation – Allocation of Funds: United Faculty is wanting negotiation before determination made as to allocation of funds. It helps expedite the process. M/S/A (Saldana/Boettger) to support the idea.
5. Constitution-Bylaws – The Judiciary sub-committee of Academic Senate will work on revisions to the constitution and by-laws and will bring suggested changes back to Senate.
6. Applications for State Exemplary Program Award. Randa Wahbe presented the Puente Program for consideration. M/S/A(1) (Gold/Wood) to approve sending forward the Puente Program for the Exemplary Program Award.

IV. Special Reports:

A. Academic Senate President's Report: *Fola Odebummi*

Feedback needed from senate to take back: Academic Freedom Policy, Classified Needs Assessment Model, Strategic Plan, and Constitution & Bylaws. There are funds available to sponsor one additional senator for a day at the Fall State Senate Plenary Session.

District Equivalency Committee met and Fola got a report from Michael Bird. Our resolution was accepted and from now on discipline reps will stay through the vote. Michael Bird also requested that he have an alternate in case of absence; M/S/U (Dickey/Llanos) that Steve Gold be the alternate to the Equivalency Committee.

Educational Master Plan – task force is working. It will come to senate and then to PAC for approval. Hopefully, it will be ready to be worked on in the spring.

PAC – naming buildings across campus: the funds would be run by the Foundation. It will match the Title V grant money. Will go to capital outlays only. Concerns were raised, and it was suggested to invite Margie to come to senate and address the naming of buildings, the purpose behind it, and what we can expect the process to be.

Program Discontinuance – Draft went forward to DPC.

Yesterday Trustee Michael Matsuda visited Cypress College. Fola escorted him around campus. Barbara Dunsheath will be visiting tomorrow, Friday, October 14th.

B. IQA Committee: *Renee Ssensalo*

Fola reported that the committee meetings have been scheduled for the full year. It was suggested that we consider, since the majority of work goes on in the spring, that the chair might prefer to split the reassign time for more of the release in the fall and fewer reassign time units in the spring.

C. Treasurer's Report: *Beth Piburn*

Closed account at Bank of America and opened an account at OCTFCU. Had a few expenditures for plaques.

D. Adjunct Faculty Report: Catherine Whitsett

Catherine was elected as adjunct faculty academic senate rep.

E. Associated Students: Daniel Sarwono (*absent*)

F. Campus Diversity: Randa Wahbe

Randa will be receiving a report of the meeting and will report to Senate.

G. Campus Technology Committee: Gary Zager (*absent*)

H. Curriculum Committee: Peggy Austin

Peggy sent an email to Fola to report that all of the Cypress curriculum presented to the Board this week passed. The Curriculum Committee is on schedule and will be reviewing Fine Arts courses next week.

I. Foundation Report: Beth Piburn

Beth emailed information. Golf raised approximately \$20,000. Americana kickoff will be on the 30th around 5:30.

J. Site and Facilities Committee: Mark Majarian

Report deferred to next senate meeting.

K. Staff Development: Nancy Deutsch

Brain-based Research on Oct 28 and Nov 4th. Lunch will be paid for. Fullerton will be participating. Nancy encouraged everyone to attend. Title V team has hired an SLO trainer - Betty Disney. The 3 working on SLO, Dr. Randy Martinez, Dr. Heather Brown, and Nancy Deutsch will be working with Betty. There will also be a research assistant. They are wanting it to be a faculty member with a research background. Nancy will be putting out a call for that. Also proposed a position as coordinator to keep the records, etc. There should be workshops in the spring, preferably as groups of faculty from the same department.

When the grant is over, the Foundation will be matching the money and that money will go to scholarships. Expected amount will be \$20,000 a year.

L. United Faculty: Linda Borla

Barbara Marshall sent out email to all faculty outlining the goals for UF. Under the direction of the District Benefits committee, they are looking at creating a 1.25 Plan. We are the only college in Orange County that doesn't have one right now.

V. Resolutions:

Steve Gold – Would like to see a LISTSERVE (email group) created for the statewide academic senate for senate leaders to easily communicate with each other, ask questions, etc. Steve presented the resolution to the senate (attached). M/S/U (Ganer/Deutsch) to suspend the second reading of the resolution. M/S/U (Ganer/Deutsch) adoption of the resolution.

V. Announcements:

Beth appointed as the academic senate representative to the Community College System Office Homeland Security Committee.

There will be a meeting at Fullerton for using futures in the classroom. Presentation will be on Oct 31.

Governor appoints two faculty to sit on the Board of Governors. If anyone is interested in applying, the deadline is November 7th.

VI. Adjournment of the meeting at 5:07 p.m. M/S/U (Piburn/Whitsett).

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Dickey, Secretary

Resolution for Establishment of Senate Listserve

WHEREAS the lively discussions at the spring and fall meetings of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges indicate a need and a willingness to share information, and

WHEREAS most colleges have present and past senate officers and other faculty with a wealth of knowledge and experience that would be useful to other colleges, and

WHEREAS if even a handful of those people were willing to share their knowledge and experience through an online LISTSERV (mailing list server) it would be an invaluable aid to others, and

WHEREAS a LISTSERV would allow discussions of important topics, like those held at the spring and fall meetings, without the restrictions of time and place, and

WHEREAS such online communication might serve to strengthen the ties between colleges and encourage greater cooperation and friendship, and

WHEREAS other groups of professional educators have been sharing information and ideas successfully through LISTSERVs for years, and

WHEREAS participation in the LISTSERV would be voluntary and need not be an imposition on anyone who does not want to participate,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges be directed to determine the feasibility of creating a LISTSERV (or mailing list server) for use by interested current and past local senate officers and current and past members of the state Executive Committee and other state committees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is determined to be feasible, that the Executive Committee be directed to establish such a LISTSERV, with the goal of having it functional by the Spring, 2006 Plenary Session.