



ACADEMIC SENATE  
APPROVED MINUTES  
October 23, 2008

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Jesse Saldana;  
COUNSELING DIVISION, Deborah Michelle;  
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Ian Holmes  
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: Nancy Deutsch, Michael Frey, Pat Ganer, Ed Giardina, Steve Gold, Kathy Llanos, Mark Majarian, Beth Piburn, Alan Ransom;

ADJUNCT SENATOR: None;

LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: José Gonzalez;  
CAMPUS DIVERSITY: Allison Gotoh;  
CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Rosalie Majid;  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Cherie Dickey;  
FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;  
PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE: Kathy Alvarez;  
STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;  
UNITED FACULTY: Alan Ransom

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Rob Johnson  
ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Cherie Dickey  
Senators and Officers Absent: Michael Frey, Ian Holmes, Rob Johnson, Rosalie Majid  
Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, José Gonzalez, Beth Piburn, Alan Ransom  
Guests: Dale Craig

The meeting was called to order by Past President Cherie Dickey at 3:10 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The October 9, 2008 Minutes were approved as written M/S/P with three abstentions (Llanos/Michelle).

II. Public Commentary – None.

III. President's Report

A. Board Meeting – No report.

B. Planning and Budget Committee – Cherie Dickey

Karen Cant reported that because of the expected state budget cuts, four classified positions and the Accounting Manager position have been put on hold indefinitely until the severity of the budget cuts is determined. Although there are 8 full-time faculty replacements pending, probably only the most critical positions will be filled and the others will be put on hold, as well.

The Committee voted to increase the Staff Development Coordinator's reassigned time from 60% to 80% for Spring 2009 only. The Coordinator has been given additional responsibilities for the implementation of TracDat, the SLO electronic management system, and the development of the new Title V grant proposal. The Staff Development Administrative Assistant position is on hold.

The Committee voted to use block grant monies for scheduled maintenance, specifically to replace the six air handlers in the Science, Engineering, and Math Building over the Winter Break, so there will be no disruption of classes.

C. President's Advisory Cabinet – Nancy Deutsch

Dr. Kasler reported that the District has set aside \$5 million for mid-year cuts. Cypress College has to be prepared to implement mid-year cuts in excess of the \$5 million. PAC also approved the use of block grant money for scheduled maintenance and the Planning and Budget recommendation to increase the Staff Development Coordinator's reassigned time by 20% in Spring 2009 only.

The Academic Senate's revisions to the Guidelines for Class Cancellation were presented. PAC wanted to keep the bullet points but agreed to remove dates that restricted the guidelines to one year. It was also felt that the inclusion of the words "United Faculty" into the following sentence "2. Decisions about class cancellation shall be made in accord with 'United Faculty' contractual standards" was inappropriate for Cypress College to make. The guidelines were tabled until further discussion with the Academic Senate.

Karen Cant presented a report on skateboarding/bike riding policies. Bike riding is restricted to bike paths at UC Berkeley and no bike riding is permitted on the interior campus at UC Santa Barbara. Fullerton College and the two universities do not allow skateboarding anywhere on campus.

IV. Faculty Issues

A. Class Cancellation Guidelines — Cherie Dickey

Much discussion ensued about the inclusion of the words "United Faculty" into the Guidelines for Class Cancellation: "2. Decisions about class cancellation shall be made in accord with '*United Faculty*' contractual standards." Dale Craig cautioned the Senate that class cancellation policy was a contractual issue and not under the purview of the Academic Senate. Several Senators felt that this document was a set of guidelines that in no way contradicted the United Faculty

contract. It was decided that Rob Johnson and Cherie Dickey would discuss the Senate's position with the administration.

B. Proposal to Name Gym II Basketball Court for Don Johnson — Nancy Deutsch

After Pat Ganer gave a summary of the records held by the former Cypress College Head Basketball Coach, it was M/S/U (Piburn/Pinkham) to name the Gym II basketball court for Don Johnson.

C. Parking — Dan Snook

In response to the Senate's concern about limited faculty and staff parking on campus, Dan Snook, Auto Collision and Repair instructor, explained that the Auto Technology and the Auto Collision & Repair Departments had eliminated a portion of their vehicle fleet to make more parking available in Parking Lot 2.

D. Other – United Faculty Issues – Dale Craig

The United Faculty has filed a college-level grievance concerning the department coordinators' staff assignments. The College has agreed to reissue staff assignment sheets without specified time blocks for department coordinators' reassigned time. This issue has been included in negotiation re-openers.

The United Faculty is also asking the Board of Trustees to place the 2.53% pay increase the faculty received for the academic year 2007-2008 only on the permanent pay scale, since there were no substantial cuts in the recently adopted state budget. There will probably be no COLA for this year.

D. Other – Earthquake Drill

Concern was expressed that some students did not take the earthquake drill seriously and left campus, causing traffic bottlenecks, especially since the front entrance to the campus was sealed off. Also it was suggested that marshals should be trained to handle bullhorns. It was the consensus of the Senate that the administration should announce the dates and times weeks in advance so that the faculty can plan accordingly.

V. Special Reports

A. Associated Students — Jose' Gonzalez

Diana Arbas has requested that faculty contribute opinions to an article she is writing about the state budget. Senators will receive an email soon from Diana, asking them to respond with their opinions about the state budget crisis.

Associated Students representatives will attend the state-wide Associated Students General Assembly in San Jose next week. Cypress College has twelve clubs now: nine clubs are official and three are in the final stages of becoming official. Red Ribbon Week on Thursday, October 30, will feature a crashed car, a Scarefest, and snacks. The Associated Students are also working with EOPS

to sponsor a food drive. Seven student leaders are attending the district-wide Strategic Conversation on October 28.

- B. Treasurer's Report — No report.
- C. Program Review Committee (IQA) — No report.
- D. Curriculum Committee — Cherie Dickey

The Committee is working on the issue of "turning on" the prerequisites set in 2001. Cherie will bring information on this subject to the next Senate meeting.

- E. Campus Technology Committee

Cherie Dickey reported that Frank Smith, the Director of Academic Computing, is exploring the use of a single client that is connected to a server for archiving documents, rather than stand-alone CPUs. Cherie will bring more information to the next meeting.

- F. Staff Development — No report.
- G. Foundation Report — No report.
- H. Adjunct Faculty — No report.
- I. United Faculty — No report.
- J. Campus Diversity — No report.

VI. Announcements – None.

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

M/S/U (Piburn/Majarian) to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Deutsch,  
Academic Senate Secretary