



ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
October 9, 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:
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: Ed Giardina, Steve Gold, Ian Holmes, Barbara Kashi, Bill Pinkham, Dan Snook

Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, José Gonzalez, Rosalie Majid, Beth Piburn, Alan Ransom

Guests: Diana Arbas, Scott Hankinson

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Johnson at 3:14 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The September 25, 2008 Minutes were approved as amended M/S/U (Ransom/Piburn).

II. Public Commentary

Deborah Michelle distributed a handout on the symptoms and treatment of depression with available resources for Senators to share with colleagues.

III. President's Report — Rob Johnson

A. District Planning Council

The Council did not meet so there was no report.

B. Senate Presidents' Monthly Meeting with the Chancellor

Two key topics were discussed: the technology that students expect in and out of the classroom, as well as the challenge of the short attention span of students.

C. Academic Senate of California Community Colleges Plenary Session

If anyone is interested in attending the Plenary Session, please let Rob Johnson know. It was MSP (Majarian/Llanos) to approve registration and hotel for two people to attend the plenary session at the Bonaventure in Los Angeles.

D. Area D Meeting

All Senators were encouraged to attend the Area D meeting at San Diego Mesa College on Saturday, October 25. Cherie Dickey and Beth Piburn are planning to attend.

E. Planning and Budget Committee

The Classified Needs Assessment has been distributed. Current membership of the Direction Committees was distributed; members will be contacted to confirm that they are willing to serve another year. Then a call for volunteers will be sent out to the college community to fill any vacancies that might exist. A special request from Fine Arts to fund models for life drawing classes was approved.

F. President's Advisory Council

Campus construction projects are proceeding according to schedule. Completion of the new parking lot is on schedule. The committee to develop the Enrollment Management Plan has met; Rob Johnson and Cherie Dickey were invited to participate. The first step is to decide what the purpose and direction should be for our Enrollment Management Plan.

The Reassigned Time Committee for Non-Departmental Chairs is being constituted. It is the consensus of the Senate that Rob Johnson and Cherie Dickey will serve on the committee, as well as another faculty representative. A Food Services Advisory Committee is also being constituted to oversee the relationship between food service and the college community. Members include Karen Cant, one faculty member, one student, and one classified staff member.

Much discussion ensued about the skateboard and bicycle traffic on campus. Some faculty, the student representative, and student guests supported the use of skateboards and bicycles to facilitate going from the main campus to classes on Holder and South Campus and back.

IV. Faculty Issues

A. Parking — Rob Johnson

Rob met with Karen Cant to discuss all the concerns of the Senate. Karen agreed to explore the possibility of adding one row of staff parking in Lot 1; however, the truck turnaround in Lot 1 is permanent. Because the Humanities remodeling is progressing ahead of schedule, Karen believes that Lot 8 will probably only be closed for one more semester.

B. Schedule of Classes Descriptions — Cherie Dickey

Peggy Austin and Cherie Dickey spoke with the Fullerton College Curriculum Chair Jennifer Combs. She asked Cherie to send her examples of descriptions which differ from those on their course outlines of record.

C. Class Cancellation Guidelines — Rob Johnson

It was the consensus of the Senate that the bullet points in the draft of Guidelines for Class Cancellations (June 18, 2008) should be removed. The only other recommended change was that the words “United Faculty” be added to the second guideline: “2. Decisions about class cancellation shall be made in accord with the United Faculty contractual standards.”

D. Other – Liaison to United Faculty

It was MSP (Piburn/Dickey) to select Alan Ransom as the Senate’s Liaison.

V. Special Reports

A. Associated Students — Jose' Gonzalez

Three committees have been constituted: the Budget Solutions Alternatives Committee to learn more about the state budget and how it affects the college, the Sustainability Committee to encourage students to participate in recycling, and the Textbook Relief Committee which has already heard a presentation from the Bookstore Manager. Fourteen clubs have now found sponsors.

Upcoming events are October 21-22 – Red Ribbon Week; October 30 – Carefest Candy Sale; November 6 – Students vs. Faculty Softball Game; and the end of November – Food Drive in collaboration with EOPS.

B. Treasurer’s Report — No report.

C. Program Review Committee (IQA) — Kathy Alvarez

No report. Rob reminded everyone that the Program Review Report should have gone to the Deans on October 8 and then to the Committee by October 31.

D. Curriculum Committee — Cherie Dickey

The Committee is continuing to review CurricUNET with the goal of improving the process. In 2001, English and math prerequisites were activated in Banner. Other prerequisites that were validated were not activated. Starting in Fall 2009, these prerequisites will be “turned on.” Some faculty members expressed concern that departments, many of whom have hired new faculty, should have a chance to review the prerequisites established seven years ago. Concerns were also raised regarding our Basic Skills students whose options for a 12-unit load may be significantly decreased with the activation of the prerequisites and who may need additional counseling.

E. Campus Technology Committee — No report.

F. Staff Development — No report

G. Foundation Report — Beth Piburn

All Senators were encouraged to contribute to the 2008-2009 Pull for Cypress.

H. Adjunct Faculty — Rob Johnson

One candidate has asked that her name be removed. One biography has been submitted; they are waiting for the second bio before holding the election.

I. United Faculty — Alan Ransom

Last year, the District received a 4.53% permanent COLA. The faculty received a 2% permanent COLA and a 2.53% COLA for 2007-2008 only. The Board of Trustees last spring said that if there were no drastic cuts in the state budget, then the 2.53% COLA would become permanent as part of the pay schedule. Although the State budget has been adopted with no drastic cuts, the Board of Trustees has not included the 2.53% COLA as part of the permanent pay scale. United Faculty will be coming to the Senates for support to restore this COLA.

J. Campus Diversity — No report.

VI. Announcements

Michael Frey announced that ten biology and physical science faculty worked with Heather Brown and Steve Donley to write a Title V STEM Grant proposal in May and June. The College has been awarded a \$1,185,000 Title V STEM grant for one year.

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

M/S/U (Saldana/Piburn) Adjournment of the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Deutsch,
Academic Senate Secretary