



ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED MINUTES

December 9, 2010

DIVISION SENATORS: BUSINESS DIVISION, Jesse Saldana;  
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Dan Snook;  
COUNSELING DIVISION, Deborah Michelle;  
FINE ARTS DIVISION, Molly Schulps  
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION, Sally McNay;  
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION & LIBRARY, Cherie Dickey;  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION, Bill Pinkham;  
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH DIVISION, Alex Mintzer;  
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION, Regina Rhymes;

2010-2011

SENATORS-AT-LARGE: Ron Armale, John Alexander, Vicki Castle, Nancy Deutsch, Joe Gallo,  
Jolena Grande, Kathy Llanos, Rosalie Majid, Gary Zager;

ADJUNCT SENATOR: Julia Jordanides

LIAISONS: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: Tiffany Saw and Jasmine Lee;

CAMPUS DIVERSITY:

CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Rosalie Majid;

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Cherie Dickey;

FOUNDATION: Beth Piburn;

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE: Jolena Grande;

STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Deutsch;

UNITED FACULTY: Regina Rhymes

ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT: Pat Ganer

ACADEMIC SENATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Rob Johnson

Senators and Officers Absent: John Alexander, Rob Johnson, Rosalie Majid, Alex Mintzer, Bill Pinkham, Regina Rhymes, and Dan Snook

Alternates in Attendance: None

Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, Cherie Dickey, Jolena Grande, Regina Rhymes, and Tiffany Saw

Guests: Ben Izadi, Randy Martinez, and Billy Pashaie

The meeting was called to order by Pat Ganer at 3:05 PM.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 11, 2010, were approved. M/S/P, (Dickey/Gallo)

II. Public Commentary

Ben Izadi, Randy Martinez, and Billy Pashaie, members of the campus Expanded SLO Committee distributed a statement regarding the use of SLOs in evaluating faculty. They informed the Senate that this item might be placed on the Senate agenda for discussion at a later date.

C-ID meeting: C-ID is the statewide common identification numbering sequence by discipline supported by the statewide academic senate, which will replace the old CAN numbering system. Earlier this semester, faculty attended a meeting to assist in building common descriptors for courses. There will be another meeting, March 11, 2011, in Irvine to continue working on C-ID with no cost to faculty interested in attending.

Gary Zager: Dr. Lucinda Alibrandi, faculty member in the Human Services Department, died on Thanksgiving morning surrounded by family members. A tentative memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 6 PM, on campus in a large theater classroom. Bart, her life partner, will finalize the date and time. The service will be simulcast over the web for friends and family unable to attend.

III. President's Report – *Pat Ganer*

A. Board of Trustees – *Pat Ganer*

President Ganer reported that at the Board of Trustees' meeting two days before Thanksgiving was very lengthy—3 ½ hours, and taken up by the Fullerton annual report, budget updates, and two controversial issues. The first issue was a request from the district to hire an additional law firm in regards to the litigation involving Fullerton College and the city of Fullerton dealing with lighting or parking and the football field. The current law firm represents the city of Fullerton in other litigation and this represents a potential conflict of interest for the firm in representing Fullerton College. The Board of Trustees needs another law firm for representation on this issue. Two faculty members at the Resource Table suggested this might be an effort to hire a firm that is anti-union. To avoid any such perceptions, the Board voted to retain another law firm to deal with this issue only. The second issue discussed involved potentially realigning how the trustee areas are drawn. When the district was created 40 years ago, the borders were set, but population patterns have changed and Trustee areas are not equal in population. While Trustees are selected at-large, changing the boundaries of the Trustee areas could change the population from which Trustees could be drawn; as to how the Trustee areas could be drawn include factors such as changes based on high school districts or city realignments. No final decision was made as to whether such an investigation of realignment should occur, and the issue was held over until January. It would cost about \$30,000 to research alignment possibilities. The Board of Trustees has the power to decide how to redistrict.

B. District Planning Council/Chancellor's Cabinet – *Pat Ganer*

There was a discussion of budgetary implications with the change in state governance and Governor-elect Jerry Brown's approach to allowing voters to decide whether to raise taxes or cut services.

C. Planning & Budget Committee (PBC) – *Pat Ganer*

Karen Cant and Steve Donley provided information regarding the charging stations for electric cars, along with considerations about public access versus restricting use to Cypress staff, the necessity of power supply and infrastructure requirements, and the cost to motorists.

Issues raised with the district Educational Master Plan were discussed as well as the progress of the plan and scheduling campus forums in January during the week before spring semester begins.

D. Liaison Items – *Pat Ganer*

The joint faculty/unions meeting will be held on Friday, January 21, 2011, and will be hosted at Fullerton College this time though it normally is scheduled at the district on the Thursday before the spring semester begins. Opening day will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, the day before the start of spring semester classes. Faculty interested in attending the joint union/senates meeting need to RSVP to Pat Ganer before January 14, 2011.

PAC is looking at the food services taskforce for suggestions since the contract is up for renewal. Last time, Rob Johnson served. President Ganer appointed Rob Johnson to serve once again.

The faculty prioritization list that originally provided 10 new faculty positions to Cypress will be increased by two more positions since four Fullerton College faculty have submitted retirement intentions and it was decided to divide the additional four positions between the two campuses. The faculty prioritization committee met once again and proposed another math faculty position (which will now be 2) and a position for management/marketing.

The state Academic Senate is seeking nominations for the Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award. Each college is allowed one nomination, so Senate needs to have nominees for the January meeting.

The statewide senate has created a list of frequently asked questions regarding SB1440. Please email President Ganer if you would like a copy. SB 1440 makes it easier for students to transfer by creating a CSU transfer degree for students completing 18 units in a prescribed major. Students will be able to transfer without needing additional lower division coursework. The proposed degree would eliminate the Cypress requirements of cultural diversity and physical education and create a model curriculum. There are issues regarding the proposed model curriculum: which courses would be lower division and which would be upper division, and how does the district curriculum fit the model curriculum.

Bob Simpson attended a student success meeting in Long Beach with other college presidents, senate presidents, and people interested in addressing the achievement gap. Specifically, student issues with graduation and community colleges were reviewed. The results of a cost study were presented, which found that only 23-27% of students obtain a degree or transfer within 6 years. The state legislature will begin asking if this is an appropriate use of state funds. The study looked at students and the courses they take to see which courses are predictive of graduation. For example, students who start in MATH 10 do not graduate.

President Ganer asked the Senate to suspend the rules and allow Professor Emeritus status to be bestowed upon Donna Friess this semester rather than waiting until spring semester. M/S/P (Piburn/Llanos) to approve Professor Emeritus status for Donna Friess, who is retiring this semester. Professor Emeritus status includes email access, parking, and library privileges, if requested.

#### IV. Faculty Issues – Old Business

- A. Standard for Graduation with Honors – *Pat Ganer*  
President Ganer distributed a table of honors standards from different colleges. It was noted that Fullerton College uses a GPA of 3.3 for honors and suggested by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee that Cypress College follow suit. Having consistency within the district was important and it was suggested that Cypress College consider using 3.0-3.74 for Honors and 3.75-4.0 for Highest Honors at graduation. It was moved that the Academic Senate establish Honors criteria, effective for fall 2011, of 3.3 to 3.74 for Honors and 3.75 to 4.0 for Highest Honors. Students will be allowed to wear one cord for Honors and two cords for Highest Honors. M/S/P (Piburn/Saldana). The motion was amended to include the provision of Honors and Highest Honors descriptions to be printed in the 2011/2012 college catalog. M/S/P (Deutsch/Zager). President Ganer will inform Bob Simpson, Paul Bottieaux, and others regarding the change.
- B. Graduation Regalia – *Pat Ganer*  
A committee has been formed to consider official recognition of graduation regalia items in the commencement program. This item will be carried over to the next meeting so that Paul Bottieaux can address the Senate along with Associated Students.

#### V. Faculty Issues – New Business

- A. Ten Week Drop Deadline – *Pat Ganer*  
Marcus Wilson from Fullerton College Faculty Senate is interested in pursuing a 10-week drop deadline based on faculty interest in student success at Fullerton College. Individuals at Fullerton believe that students will realize earlier in the semester that they are not prepared to succeed if the final drop date is at the end of week 10. There needs to be a district policy change with both Senates in support. After some discussion, it was decided that President Ganer would report to Fullerton Senate that there is interest in discussing a ten-week drop deadline.

- B. Selection Committee Appointments and Selections - *Pat Ganer*  
 With support of the Senate, the following appointments were made:
1. Selection Committees for the Title V Grant – the following individuals will serve on the committees to select the Component I Coordinator position, the English Success Center Coordinator position and the Math Learning Center Coordinator position:  
 Jennifer Cooperman-Math  
 David Nusbaum-Math  
 Sarah Jones-Reading  
 Kathy Llanos-ESL  
 Randa Wahbe-English  
 Jane Wood will serve as an alternate.
  2. Cherie Dickey was selected as the Title V Grant Component I Coordinator.
- C. Development of College Lecture Series – *Nancy Deutsch*  
 There is currently no method of funding guest speakers on campus for students. There is a need to create a process for the funding of guest speakers. There was a motion to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to prepare a recommendation to the Senate on the process and the forms needed to implement such funding process for guest speakers to enhance instruction. M/S/P (Deutsch/Piburn). The ad hoc committee will include Molly Schulps, Ron Armale, Nancy Deutsch, Joe Gallo, and a student AS representative. It was suggested that the Senate, and eventually the Planning & Budget Committee, consider contacting the Foundation for funding. In addition, the facilities used need to be equipped with cameras, audio taping capabilities for web broadcasting.
- D. Selection of Staff Development Coordinator – *Pat Ganer*  
 Through a joint appointment by AS President Pat Ganer and Cypress College President Mike Kasler, Rebecca Gomez has been selected to serve as the new Staff Development Coordinator. She will work with Nancy Deutsch during the spring semester and start her full responsibilities in fall 2011.
- E. Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session – *Rob Johnson*  
 This item will be held until the next meeting.

## VI. Special Reports

- A. Accreditation Self-Study – *Cherie Dickey*
- The Self Study has been completed along with photos and tabs. It is on the Board agenda for Tuesday, and then will go to the printer for bulk printing and mailing to our site team members.
- B. Associated Students – *Tiffany Saw*
- December 8-9<sup>th</sup> – Associated Students will be giving out Scantrons, BlueBooks, snacks, and coffee for the first two days of final exams, during Finals Field.

- Several Associated Student Representatives walked in the Seal Beach Parade.
- C. United Faculty – *Regina Rhymes*
- No report.
- D. Staff Development – *Nancy Deutsch*
- There will be a “Best Practices” seminar on February 11, 2011.
  - The staff development website is almost finished. Staff will receive an email about the website launch.
  - Since the call for proposals for flex activities in January yielded no responses, there will be no workshops offered during the winter break.
- E. Curriculum Committee – *Cherie Dickey*
- With one more meeting remaining this semester, the Curriculum Committee continues to work on course approvals using a revised Technical Review process. There is some adjustment necessary to the new Tech Review Process.
  - There was some discussion in Curriculum regarding the placement of lecture and lab components on the course outline.
  - Guidelines for course repeatability need to be addressed at the next Senate meeting.
  - An announcement was sent to Curriculum Reps regarding C-ID meetings.
  - Cherie announced that she will continue to chair the Curriculum Committee until the end of spring 2011, but will not be available for an additional term due to her new Title V Component I Coordinator position. A new Curriculum Committee chair will need to be selected in the spring.
- F. Campus Technology Committee – *Rosalie Majid*
- No report
- G. Academic Senate Treasurer’s Report – *Ron Armale*
- No report.
- H. Foundation Report – *Beth Piburn*
- There has been an increase in donors, with Communication Studies Faculty participating at 100%. The Foundation would like to get to 200 participants.
- I. Basic Skills Committee – *Cherie Dickey*
- No report.
- J. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment – *Nancy Deutsch*
- There was a TracDat meeting held yesterday with discussion of an add-on program that would migrate changes to course student learning outcomes in TracDat directly into CurricuNet.

VII. Announcements

- Jesse Saldana clarified that the next meeting of the Senate would be January 27, 2011.

VIII. President Ganer adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolena Grande, Secretary