



ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
December 13, 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, Ed Giardina.

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: Michael Frey

Alternates in Attendance:

Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, Rob Johnson, Peggy Austin, Beth Piburn

Guests: Penny Gabourie

The meeting was called to order by President Cherie Dickey at 3:05 p.m.

- I. M/S/U (Piburn/Llanos) to approve the minutes of the November 29, 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.)

Ahab Afifi spoke about intercession classes held for six hours per day, with a total of nine class days. He felt that it is too short and does not allow for any rigor to class

expectations. Ahab asked that senate consider placing the issue of short-term classes on its agenda in the spring.

III. President's Report Cherie Dickey

Cherie contacted Shirlene Lopez, CEO of Del Taco, to speak at the graduation ceremony this spring. Ms. Lopez said that she was very interested and would just need to confirm that there wasn't a conflict with her company's 2008 calendar.

Planning and Budget

The committee approved \$45,000 to fund a grant writer for Title V. The spring enrollment showed an increase in FTES of 281. Cherie provided a sheet giving a construction update. (on file) The high cost of concrete is a problem for construction budgets. In addition, \$100,000 was approved for the student center and bookstore for furniture and fixtures. These funds came out of the campus' contingency funds. Wire was stolen from the new bookstore that was laid for the security system. A presentation was provided by the Reorganization Task Force.

President's Advisory Cabinet

Children on Campus Guidelines were approved with portions of the language removed.

Basic Skills.

The campus' Basic Skills Initiative team has met and scheduled its meeting dates for the school year in order to complete the process in time for the state's May 1st deadline.

DPC/Chancellor's Cabinet

The Academic Freedom Policy was approved with the senate's wording of section 4.0. It will now be sent to the Board. The policy for academic hiring will be looked at in the spring.

Board of Trustees Meeting

A very enjoyable presentation was provided to the Board by the SCE Suzuki class. Five or six students and their parents presented several songs on the violin. A construction update was presented by Fred Williams. Funds are not available for all projects. Perhaps bonds, funds from sales, or other sources could provide the needed funds. The Board has asked Fred to look into these options more fully and report back at the next board meeting.

IV. Special Presentation: Reorganization – Penny Gabourie

Focus of the Task Force was on the vice president and management positions with two plans, Plan A and Plan B. Plan A included the development of a new position of Grant Manager.

M/S/A (Ganer/Piburn/C). A Resolution of the Senate to supported Plan A.

V. Faculty Issues

A. Faculty Awards Timeline

This was postponed to the next senate meeting of January 24th.

B. Flex activity with library book weeding.

C. Coordinator Staff Assignment Sheets

The issue of department coordinators required to be physically available in their office at specific times were of special concern to the Senate as initially expressed by many department coordinators. General consensus of senate members is that they do not see the need for department coordinators to specify the exact times that they will be physically in their office on a weekly basis. The senate contends that department coordinators need the flexibility to perform duties at times that are conducive with their overall workload which may sometimes conflict with specific listed times. This concern will be further addressed by the Senate.

VI. Special Reports

A. Associated Students

None

B. Treasurer's Report Karen Watson

None

C. IQA Committee Kathy Alvarez

None

D. Curriculum Committee Peggy Austin

Peggy reported that the Curriculum Committee is currently working on the non-compliant AA degrees.

E. Campus Tech Committee

F. Staff Development Nancy Deutsch

G. Foundation Report Beth Piburn

H. Adjunct Faculty Ahab Afifi

None

I. United Faculty

None

J. Campus Diversity

None

VII. Adjournment of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. M/S/U (Johnson/Piburn)

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Frey
Academic Senate Secretary