



ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
April 24, 2008

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: Pauline Allen;
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: Bill Pinkham, Rosalie Majid, Ian Holmes
Alternates in Attendance:
Liaisons in Attendance: Rob Johnson, Peggy Austin, Beth Piburn, Nancy Deutsch
Guests:

The meeting was called to order by President Cherie Dickey 3:17 p.m.

- I. M/S/2 (Piburn/Johnson) Approval of Minutes for April 10 as amended.
- 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.)

None

III. President's Report Cherie Dickey

Planning and Budget

The one-time budget requests are currently being reviewed as well as programs which receive funding ahead of time. A construction update was presented by Karen Cant.

President Advisory Cabinet

The target for the semester for increased FTES was 250. We actually saw an increase of 750.

The numbers of faculty requesting caps and gowns for the upcoming graduation is at 90. Attendance of faculty will probably be greater than that since some faculty will use their own regalia. A volunteer was requested from the senate to sit on the Graduate of the Year committee. Regina Rhymes volunteered and was appointed by Cherie. Two readers are needed for the graduation ceremony. Senators commented on what an excellent job the readers have done in the past and agreed that they should be asked to read again.

M/S/U (Ganer/Deutsch) To invite Kathy Llanos and Carol Lewis to be the readers for the 2008 graduation ceremony.

Board of Trustees

The agenda item to reduce the current funding of the Fullerton College Children Development Center was defeated. The Board stressed that they want to be kept updated on the funding issues of the Center. Cherie presented information regarding PRANA for Earth day created by Ed Giardina's classes. A NOCCCD Board of Trustees Resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week was presented. After the meeting adjourned, the Board met in closed session with the three finalists for Chancellor.

IV. Special Reports

Report From Learning Communities Advisory Group – Michael Brydges

Michael Brydges attended the first Learning Communities Consortium that was sponsored by Grossmont College. He learned that Grossmont College has over 25 Learning Communities in their Project Success program and each Learning Community remains a closed cohort. Cypress College appears to be in the middle ground with Learning Communities and our Learning Community Development Program was unique among the schools in attendance. For Fall 2008, Cypress College will have "Reading Between the Lines" which links English 58 with Math 15. This will mark the third year for this Learning Community. Michael stated that he would bring in flyers for the next Academic Senate meeting. Michael did provide flyers and brochures highlighting next year's UTAP community. The UTAP community will focus on the theme, "Reconsidering Heros and Monsters" and

will link Counseling 150 with English 60 in the Fall, then English 100 with Library research course in the Spring. Also scheduled for Fall 2008 will be a link between a Japanese Anime course and English 100.

Funding for Learning Communities is still unknown since the Title V grant will be coming to an end this year.

Michael stressed that Learning Communities are reflected throughout the Basic Skills Initiative and would benefit developmental students. Michael also stated that he will be on sabbatical next year and hopes to return as Learning Communities Coordinator when he returns in Fall 2009. Michael asked all senators for continuing support of Learning Communities and the formation of other Learning Communities at Cypress College.

Recent ASCCC Spring Plenary Session – Rob Johnson

Rob attended several breakout sessions including one on classes offered in a shortened time frame. The process for approval of these types of courses is being looked at by many different schools along with Cypress College. The majority of attendees to this breakout felt that the scheduling of these types of courses should be between the dean and the faculty member. A minority of attendees felt that the local curriculum committee should be involved.

A discussion was held to determine what to do about students who come back to a program after a prolonged period has elapsed. It was of some concern to determine if the student can maintain their original credit or would they be eligible or taking courses for new credit.

A new executive committee was elected.

V. Faculty Issues

A. Senator-at-large election results.

It was determined that no election was required since nine positions were open and nine candidates volunteered. All candidates were appointed to the position of senator-at-large. Senators-at-large appointed were Steve Gold, Michael Frey, Beth Piburn, Ian Holmes, Pat Ganer, Ed Giardina, Kathleen Llanos, Mark Majarian, and Nancy Deutsch.

B. Ballot results re. Proposed changes to constitution

The ballot measure passed overwhelmingly for the adoption of a two year senate presidency along with additional provisions to the constitution. An updated constitution will be provided to the senate before the end of the current senate session. The senate voted for the extension of Rob Johnson's term of office from one year to two.

M/S/U (Gold/Saldana) Motion to start the two year presidency with Rob Johnson.

C. Faculty Awards

The Outstanding Full-Time Faculty award was Virgil Adams while the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty was presented to Jennifer Cherian.

D. Reassigned Time MOU

Cherie met with Mike regarding the reassigned time agreement between the senate and the president. He was happy to sign it with Cherie, but not as a memo of understanding. He would like it renamed. The senate felt that a new name for the document would be fine so long as the senate president and campus president would sign it. It was agreed by the senate for Cherie to work with Mike to rename the document.

E. Acceptable Use/Computer and Electronic Communication – AP 3720

The Division senate representatives have presented the new policy to their respective faculty and have not received any feedback.

F. Conferring of Emeritus Status

Cherie presented the list of faculty retiring at the end of the semester. Their elevation to faculty emeriti was discussed by the senate.

M/S/U (Brydges/Piburn) To confer emeriti status to Lucinda Alibrandi, Anthony Baca, Mary Kay Davis, Andrea Hannon, Judith Koike, James Phillips, Nicholas Polizzi, and Kenneth Rubino.

The senate requested that the senate executive committee provide information about emeritus rights to the retiring faculty.

G. Other

None.

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

The revised AA degrees were sent to the System Office. The last committee meeting for the semester will be held on May 6. There are a few items in Curricunet which are being cleaned up.

E. Campus Tech Committee

None.

F. Staff Development Nancy Deutsch

The Luau is coming up on May 7. Senate suggested that an email should be sent out to the faculty and staff indicating that this is a fund raising event for staff development.

SLO committee is reviewing four outcomes management systems and will choose one.

G. Foundation Report Beth Piburn

The mini-grant awards decisions have been handed down.

H. Adjunct Faculty

None

I. United Faculty

None

J. Campus Diversity

None

VII. Announcements.

The Leadership Team meeting will be held May 2 at 8 AM. It is important that all dept. coordinators attend to discuss strategic plans and directions.

Regina Rhymes asked the senate if Certificates of Appreciation could be written for faculty members who acted in the position of senate president and are currently retiring.

M/S/U (Piburn/Rhymes) The motion to approve the creation of Certificates of Appreciation for Jim Phillips and Cindy Alibrandi for service as senate presidents at Cypress College.

Several members of the Social Sciences Division were not happy with the new policy on academic rank and would like it to be revised. Cherie noted that the new policy was distributed for discussion at several senate meetings and none was received. It was duly voted upon by the senate and approved at our April 10 meeting.

At the last senate meeting, the secretary, treasurer, and senate executive committee faculty representative will be elected. Consider running for these positions.

Will Heusser sent an email to Cherie giving an update on the status of the Compressed Calendar. He stated that the Advisory group met and discussed the survey results that indicated that the faculty would prefer to start classes after Labor Day and have a four week winter intercession. The group will next put together a model schedule.

VIII. M/S/U (Piburn/Saldana) Adjournment of the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Frey
Academic Senate Secretary