



ACADEMIC SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
September 25, 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: Dan Snook
Liaisons in Attendance: Nancy Deutsch, José Gonzalez, Rosalie Majid, Beth Piburn, Alan Ransom,
Cherie Dickey
Guests: Danny Park, Nora Simoes

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Johnson at 3:07 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The September 11, 2008 Minutes were approved as amended M/S/U (Llanos/Michelle).

II. Public Commentary

Alan Ransom was introduced as the new Senator-At-Large. José Gonzalez, Associated Students Liaison, introduced his alternate, Danny Park.

III. President's Report — Rob Johnson

A. State Budget

Highlights of the signed state budget include the following:

- Provides \$58.1 billion for K-12 schools and community colleges under Proposition 98. This funding level just meets the Proposition 98 minimum funding obligation.
- Includes various budget reforms including: 1) a strengthened rainy day fund; 2) expanded authority for the governor to make mid-year budget cuts to state agencies (but not to local assistance funding for the college); and 3) expanded authority of the governor to temporarily suspend COLAs in the event of a fiscal emergency.
- Contains a reserve fund of \$1.7 billion.
- The enacted budget includes the following for the California Community Colleges:
 - \$38.9 million to provide a 0.68% COLA on general purpose apportionments (no COLA is provided for categorical program funds)
 - Enrollment growth is funded at 2 percent
 - Categorical programs are flat-lined at 2007-08 levels
 - Student fees remain level at \$20 per unit
 - \$75 million is provided to partially backfill a property tax shortfall for the 2007-08 fiscal year
 - The Competitive Cal Grant program is sustained rather than eliminated as earlier proposed.

B. Graduation Committee

The location of the 2009 Cypress College Graduation Ceremony generated much discussion which centered around holding graduation on the CC Gateway in front of the Campanile. Associated Students are responsible for finding and inviting a keynote speaker.

C. Board of Trustees

The Outstanding Employees of Cypress College and the School of Continuing Education were recognized. Two sabbatical reports were presented, including a presentation on Convergence Journalism by Robert Mercer, Cypress' Journalism instructor and Fulbright Scholar. Fred Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Finance, gave a budget update: although the state budget was adopted prior to the meeting, there will be no change to the District budget at this time.

D. Planning and Budget Committee

The Science, Engineering, and Math Building and the Fine Arts Building did not have enough points to go forward on the State Capital Outlay Program. Karen Cant indicated that for these two buildings to be remodeled, a local bond would probably have to be passed. Breaking ground on the SEM remodel is now four

or five years away. The Fall 2005 Classified Needs Prioritized List was reviewed; Karen Cant recommended a new Classified Needs Assessment be conducted so that a new list would be in place if and when funding is received.

The 2008-2011 Strategic Plan was approved and sent to the President's Advisory Council, as well as an emergency request to fund the position of the curriculum assistant which has been partially funded by the Title V grant; however, the Title V grant ends September 30, 2008. The Fine Arts emergency request for funding Art Gallery hourly staff was tabled.

An Enrollment Management Plan is scheduled to be written by some members of the former Five Percent More Committee (Bob Simpson, Dave Wassenaar, Rick Rams, Eldon Young, and Paul De Dios).

E. President's Advisory Council

PAC approved the Strategic Plan and the emergency request for funding the position of curriculum assistant. The Reassigned Time Task Force is being reconstituted to conduct an assessment of reassigned time for all special programs.

Because of the increased bicycle and skateboard traffic by students and faculty who are traversing the campus between "temporary" Holder and South (Continuing Education) Buildings and the main campus, the college is considering purchasing locking devices for bikes and skateboards. Concern was also expressed about the high concentration of cigarette smoke in the area surrounding the Campanile.

IV. Faculty Issues

A. Parking — Rob Johnson

Extended discussion ensued regarding parking issues. For full-time and adjunct instructors who teach in Business, Fine Arts, Theater, and Vo-Tech I, staff parking is unavailable in Lot 1 after 8 am until almost 6 pm. It was suggested that staff and managers who work in the Cypress College Complex, the Student Center, and Bookstore should park elsewhere, leaving Lot 1 for full-time and adjunct instructors who teach in buildings on the west side of campus. This is not a temporary problem. As long as the Humanities Building is under construction, parking on the west side of campus will be a problem. One Senator noted that when construction companies park their cranes in Lot 1, then there are fewer parking spaces for students. Many Senators questioned why the construction company needed all the spaces in Lot 8, because only a small portion of the lot is being used. Another Senator pointed out that the lawn on the northeast side of the baseball diamond near the Holder Classrooms was uneven and becoming muddy.

Rob Johnson will take the Senators' concerns to the Administration.

B. Faculty Awards — Rob Johnson

After several revisions and corrections, it was M/S/P (Piburn/Dickey) to approve the Faculty Award Process, as amended. Nancy Deutsch was directed to create a nomination form for Spring 2009.

C. Class Schedule — Ian Holmes

Ian distributed a handout that highlighted the obvious differences between the course descriptions of several Fullerton College computer graphics classes as printed in the Fall 2008 Fullerton College Schedule of Classes and the approved Fullerton College computer graphics course descriptions as they appear in CurriCUNET. It is the understanding of the Senate that the CurriCUNET course descriptions are approved by the District Curriculum Coordinating Council (DCCC) as the official course descriptions that are to be printed in each college's schedule of classes. All Senators were asked to review and compare approved Fullerton College CurriCUNET course descriptions with the FC Fall Schedule of Classes course descriptions. Cherie Dickey will discuss this issue with the Curriculum Committee before taking the issue to DCCC.

D. Basic Skills — Cherie Dickey

The Basic Skills Committee has met twice this semester to finalize the 2008-2009 Basic Skills/ESL Initiative Action Plans and Expenditure Plan which must be submitted to the State Chancellor's Office before the District can receive these funds. The Committee also allocated funds from carry-over Basic Skills funding, which has to be spent before June 30, 2009, to Basic Skills projects that are currently being implemented.

E. Class Cancellation Guidelines — Rob Johnson

Review of the Class Cancellation Guidelines draft was tabled until the next meeting.

F. Other — Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee — Cherie Dickey

Last year, the Senate representatives on the Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee were the President, the President-Elect, and the Past President. With the change to a two-year term for the Senate President, this year there is no President-Elect. After discussion, it was M/S/P (Gold/Piburn) that the Senate representatives on this Committee will be the Senate President, the Past President, and a designee of the Executive Committee.

G. Other — Disability Awareness Month — Deborah Michelle

Deborah Michelle reminded everyone that October is Disability Awareness Month. Faculty and staff will be emailed information on disabilities throughout the month.

V. Special Reports

A. Associated Students — Jose' Gonzalez

The Associated Students sponsored a highly successful Blood Drive today as part of the campus Health Fair. The Associated Students have also formed a group to study the state budget. Associated Students members will attend the state-wide A.S. General Assembly in San Jose on October 24.

B. Treasurer's Report — No report.

C. Program Review Committee (IQA) — No report.

D. Curriculum Committee — No report.

E. Campus Technology Committee — Rosalie Majid

The Committee met and selected Frank Smith as the Chair for the next two years. Two faculty representatives need to be selected: one for the Academic Senate and one for United Faculty. At the meeting, it was discussed that the Instructional Designer be added as a member of CTC, but this action must be taken to the President's Advisory Council for approval. The CC Website Contributor Training is almost ready to launch.

The CC Technology Plan was reviewed, but the CTC is waiting to review new language regarding accessibility. At the planning meeting to write a college Distance Education Plan, only two faculty members were in attendance. More faculty are encouraged to participate in the writing of this plan. All faculty are invited to attend the College's Web Education Committee which meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

F. Staff Development — Nancy Deutsch

The 2008-09 Calendar of Events was distributed.

G. Foundation Report — Beth Piburn

The Cypress College Golf Classic is scheduled for November 3. The 2008-2009 Pull for Cypress Campaign begins soon. All Senators were encouraged to contribute.

H. Adjunct Faculty — No report.

I. United Faculty — No report.

J. Campus Diversity

Rob Johnson stated that the Senate still needs to appoint two faculty representatives to this committee. He will send out another call for volunteers.

VI. Announcements

Beth Piburn announced that another Sabbatical Workshop has been scheduled on October 2 at 3:30 p.m. in CCC-419 due to a time conflict with the Academic Senate meeting. Also faculty and staff can get a flu shot at the Health Center for a fee of \$10.

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

M/S/U (Piburn/Gold) Adjournment of the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Deutsch
Academic Senate Secretary