

ACADEMIC SENATE
Unapproved Minutes for November 13, 2014
Place: CCC – 414 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

ACADEMIC SENATE OFFICERS		PRESENT
President	Jolena Grande	X
Past-President	Gary Zager	X
Secretary	Bryan Seiling	X
Treasurer	Laurie Morvan	X
Curriculum Chair	Mark Majarian	ABSENT
ACADEMIC SENATORS		
Business/CIS	Jesse Saldana	X
Career Tech. Education 1	Kathleen Reiland	ABSENT
Career Tech. Education 2	Michael Klyde	X
Counseling 1	Renee SSensalo	X
Counseling 2	Renay Laguana-Ferinac	X
Fine Arts 1	Jim Hormel	X
Fine Arts 2	Paul Paiement	X
Health Science 1	Lynn Mitts	X
Health Science 2	Jane Walker	X
Health Science 3	Tina Johannsen (alternate)	X
Language Arts 1	Kathy Wada (alternate)	X
Language Arts 2	Keith Vescial	X
Language Arts 3	Pat Ganer	X
Library/Learning Resource Center	Vacant	
Physical Education	Bill Pinkham (left at 4:25)	X
Science, Engineering, Math 1	Laurie Morvan	X
Science, Engineering, Math 2	Joel Gober	X
Science, Engineering, Math 3	Ron Armale	X
Social Science 1	Bryan Seiling	X
Social Science 2	Craig Goralski	X
Adjunct Senator 1	Tonya Cobb	X
Adjunct Senator 2	J. Y. Ho (left at 4:50)	X
Adjunct Senator 3	Mark Popeney	X
LIAISONS		
Associated Students	Ivonne Orduno/Amanda Aros	X
Campus Diversity		
Campus Technology	Doug Sallade	ABSENT
CC Foundation	Lynn Mitts	X
Program Planning and Review	Kathleen Reiland	ABSENT
Staff Development	Peggy Austin	ABSENT
United Faculty	Randa Wahbe	ABSENT
Basic Skills	Cherie Dickey	ABSENT
Student Learning Outcomes	Sarah Jones	ABSENT

GUESTS: Daniel Lutz, Jamal Bostick, Jessica Canales, Jeffrey Lopez, Gerard Avelino, Alaisha Browder, Conor Watkins, Christina Roseli, Robert Mercer, Keenan Williams, Leslie Gonzalez, Courtney Polk, Susan Klein, Amanda Aros, and Dr. Robert Simpson.

- I. After establishing a quorum, President Jolena Grande called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. with two alternates in attendance.
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda:** On motions duly made and seconded, the Agenda was approved with a change being made to the order of topics. The discussion of the Newsroom "Line of Site" issue and funding for Fall Plenary were moved to the top of the Agenda before Special Reports to accommodate guest speakers (Walker/Klyde). The vote was unanimous with no Senator abstaining.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** On motions duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting were approved. (Goralski/Klyde). The vote was unanimous with no Senator abstaining.
- IV. **Public Commentary:**

Past-President Zager read an anonymous letter he and other Senators received in their mailboxes. The letter was critical of comments made during the discussion of Measure J. The author stated they were appalled at comments made by a Senator in response to those made by a student in public commentary. The author went on to criticize the entire Senate for not standing up for the student.

College President Robert Simpson spoke on a variety of topics. First, he informed the Senate that the Mortuary Science Program at Cypress College was selected for consideration to participate in the state's Pilot Baccalaureate Program. The Board made this decision against the recommendations of DCCC. It is rare for the Board to go against such recommendations, but any unbiased and uninterested party would conclude Mortuary Science had the better proposal. Second, he noted that barriers have been erected in preparation of the installation of the new Cypress College Marquee. Third, he updated the Senate on Measure J. It is currently ahead by a slim margin, but there are still outstanding votes to be counted. While it looks good, we cannot celebrate yet. Fourth, he informed the Senate that Chancellor Dr. Ned Doffney announced he is retiring February 28, 2015. He expressed the positive impact the Chancellor has had on the District.

Daniel Cody Lutz, a student at Cypress College and a veteran, spoke to clarify his position on Measure J. He stated that he was not opposed to Measure J, but wanted more information about it in order to make an informed decision. He was also concerned about the use of veterans in the advertising for the measure. As a veteran himself, he opposes those who have never served using veterans as a pawn. He sees it as an insult to everything the veterans did in service to their country. All the training, drills, and sacrifice were not done to serve as leverage in a political campaign. He stated that the letter read by Past-President Zager was written about him. He admires the Senate but hangs his head in shame at the actions of some. He asked the Senate not to take the power and leadership role it has lightly and to hold those above accountable.

Senator Seiling congratulated Dr. Micheal Flores for his election to the Ontario/Montclair Board of Education. We can now call him "Trustee Flores."

President Simpson commented that both he and Dr. Doffney had served, and in the survey for Measure J, the public specifically stated that veteran's services were the highest priority. Veterans had to be included in the advertising because they are a central focus and priority of the measure.

Senator Klyde announced an exciting new partnership between the Automotive Technology Department and Tesla Motors. There's a tentative meeting December 3rd where Tesla will bring various cars to the campus for people to ride in and perhaps drive.

V. Faculty Issues – Unfinished Business

A. Line of Sight Issue:

President Grande commented that the original "Line of Site" issue with the Newsroom had morphed into something much larger. For that reason, Karen Kant and Dr. Simpson were invited to the Senate to help clarify the issue. Students have open access to walk-through areas. Other areas are just for instruction. This includes the Library, not just classes.

Dr. Simpson stated that classrooms and laboratories are not open to the public or open to students without supervision. This is for student safety. Without such supervision, students are exposed to the risks of sexual assault, theft, and alcohol and drug use, all of which have happened on the campus. We take the charge seriously of having students engage in enrichment, but if we allow unsupervised access, who is responsible when the "bad" happens? He stressed that he has spoken with Journalism students about their deadlines and other concerns. They simply need to let administration know when they need access and it will be arranged. There is potential to hire "minders" to facilitate supervised access.

Robert Mercer responded that he appreciated Dr. Simpson's offer and would take him up on it. But more needed to be done. Student activities are the college education, and it's in the Newsroom, Theater, Debate Prep rooms, and other like spaces that the real learning takes place. The current policy prohibits such learning. The climate of fear and liability is hurting the educational experience for students at Cypress. He recounted a long history of students being able to access these areas without supervision. He offered a series of potential solutions including hiring more personnel, building a common student activity space, and getting better insurance. We want students to have the full college experience.

Past-President Zager recounted a story of having to leave his class to retrieve a video and believed that having to ask students to leave the classroom while he did that was unreasonable. He remembers a time when we treated students more as adults.

Senator Ganer commented that she never had any problems with her Debate Squad room. She understands the litigation concerns but believes

we've gone overboard. Sex, drugs, and theft can take place on the rest of the campus. Where is the concern there? Most of our issues with crime occur in the public spaces, not the instructional ones. She suggested that waivers might meet District needs while allowing student access to these spaces.

Senator Pinkham expressed his support for freedom but also his concerns for the problem that freedom can cause. He alluded to recent incidents that drive this issue home for him. Bad things can and do happen.

Dr. Simpson responded that he was not terrified or paranoid but had legitimate concerns. Sexual violence and theft have occurred on the campus; they are not hypotheticals. Students need to know that the college takes student safety seriously and enacts policy to ensure it. Technical violations like going to the bathroom while you leave your class unattended are one thing, but having an established policy that puts student safety or property at risk isn't acceptable. He reiterated his willingness to find or hire staff to supervise students in instructional spaces.

After debate on a time frame for the committee and its membership, and on motions and amendments duly made and seconded, the Senate moved to establish a committee to work with the administration to develop a policy that will allow access to instructional space by students in specialized programs not to be constrained by the line of site policy, to be established by the next Senate session with appointments made by President Grande. (Ganer/Gober). Senators Hormel, Klyde, Mercer, and Zager were appointed to the committee, and President Grande will send out an e-mail looking for additional interested faculty.

B. Funding for Plenary:

The Senate moved to fully fund President Grande at Plenary (Zager/Seiling). The vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

President Grande shared that some faculty at Plenary expressed concern that they did not know if they had minors in their classes. We are all mandated reporters and are obligated to report any suspected abuse of minors. If we don't know whether there are minors in our classes, how can we meet that obligation? She hoped the newly created committee on student supervision would consider this issue.

Senator Hormel stated that the supervision of minors applied to classes and did not contain the line of site issue the committee was looking into. President Simpson then stated the "line of site" policy was for apportionment, and did not apply to the supervision of students in instructional spaces. Senator Seiling stated that he had been using that language on the agenda because it was part of the debate and believed it came from Karen Kant. The committee will ultimately look into it all, and the "line of site" language will not be used on the agenda in the future.

VI. Special Reports

A. Associated Students:

Ivonne Orduno informed the Senate that Frida Lugo would no longer be able to attend the Senate meetings. She introduced Amanda Aros as the new Associated Students Representative to the Senate. All were reminded that bins for the annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive are being placed around the campus and everyone is encouraged to donate.

B. United Faculty: No Report

C. Staff Development:

President Grande read an email update from Peggy Austin. Both she and Mary Forman attended the California Community College Professional Development Clearinghouse Summit on November 7th. The conference funding period closes November 14. There are plans to resurrect the Faculty Handbook.

D. Curriculum Committee: No Report

E. Academic Senate Treasurer's Report: No report

F. Cypress College Foundation:

Senator Mitts reported that the Foundation voted to endorse Measure J. The Pull for Cypress Campaign had 205 donors. This is the third year in a row the number has topped 200. November 19th will be the kickoff for the Americana Awards to be held February 28th, 2015.

G. Basic Skills Committee: No report

H. Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:

Alternate Senator Wada provided the report. The SLO Committee is providing assistance to programs in completing their PLOs. They are also working on outcome development.

I. Program Review and Department Planning:

The committee began their reviews of AC/Refrigeration, Ethnic Studies, and ESL. The next group up for review includes Mortuary Science, Biology, Nursing, and CIS.

J. District Council on Budget and Facilities: No report

VII. President's Report:

President Grande spoke on the Board's approval of the Mortuary Science Program being considered for the state's Pilot Baccalaureate Program. After the Senate endorsed the consideration of the Mortuary Science Program,

DCCC voted in favor of another program in Law Enforcement Supervision from Fullerton College. The Board of Trustees was asked to support the DCCC's decision, but they decided to go against their recommendation.

Dr. Simpson expressed how impressed and proud he was of the Mortuary Science proposal. While there is still work to do and no guarantee that our program will be chosen to participate, it would certainly be a feather in the cap of the college. He also commented that the decision of the Board was significant and only the second time the Board has failed to support a recommendation from DCCC. A key criterion for inclusion in the pilot program is that the course can't duplicate course at a CSU or UC. There were multiple campuses that the Fullerton program would duplicate. He stated that the DCCC chose Cypress because of the benefit to students and the community, the expense, and how scalable it was to other community colleges.

President Grande informed the Senate that Cypress is hiring 18 new faculty members. Fullerton is getting 34 and SCE is getting 4. We also have a new DE Coordinator. Monica Johnson was hired until a permanent faculty replacement can be found. She also announced that a committee to choose an interim-Chancellor will begin meeting December 4th, and the Senate needed to select a person to be on the screening committee. After some discussion of possible choices, it was determined that President Grande would put a call out for volunteers and appoint someone to the committee.

President Grande is seeking nominees to the following committees:

1. Staff Development
2. Technology Coordinating Committee
3. Campus Diversity Committee

VIII. Faculty Issues – Unfinished Business (cont'd)

C. Distance Education Coordinator:

While Monica Johnson has been hired and is working on the most immediate needs of Distance Education, the Senate committee still needs to meet to address rewriting the job description to reduce or eliminate the technology aspect and have the position focus on instruction and instructional design.

Senator Saldana asked for clarification on Monica Johnson's term. President Grande stated that her contract runs through June 30th, 2015, but it can be extended. Fullerton has been using a Special Projects Project Manager for 15 years.

D. Standards for State Mandates - Decision Making:

Senator Goralski started a discussion about the decision-making process of the Senate. First, he discussed the rushed nature of the decisions we're asked to make. We need to make less hasty, smarter decisions. He suggested a By

Law or some provision requiring a first-read before any vote can be taken. We control the pace of Senate business and should not have that dictated to us by others.

Second, he pointed to the need for advance notice on any information being presented to the Senate. We can't have things presented to us at a meeting and then be expected to make decisions on them at the same meeting. We can't make good decisions on quick glances. He suggested that presented material be distributed in writing before the meeting so everyone can familiarize themselves with the topics at hand. He wanted to start a discussion on how to make the Senate more nimble when it needs to be nimble and more deliberative.

President Grande shared that Board of Trustees President Brown expressed a similar concern to her over the speed with which the decision on the Baccalaureate Program was made. This is something being felt throughout the District.

Senator Seiling stated that the Brown Act already provides guidance on these issues, but we need to also control how we handle items within the Senate. The By-Laws Committee will take up this issue and report back to the Senate. There was further discussion as to how the Senate can better control pace and whether or not the Senate is willing to enforce that pace in the face of outside pressures.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm (Hormel/Saldana).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Seiling
Academic Senate Secretary

Video of the meeting may be viewed at youtube.com.
The Minutes of all Academic Senate meetings can be found at <http://www.cypresscollege.edu/facultystaff/senate>.