

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday October 20th, 2005
Minutes

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Luke Hall

Members of the Council:

Marian Carrasco-Nungaray, Lauri Moore, Peter Sezzi, Ollie Powers, Nancy Mitchell, Marjorie Smith, Steve Turner, Bill Hendricks, Donna Beatty, David Oliver

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

Guest:

Karen Gorbach

I. Called to order: 1:43 PM

II. Minutes: Motion to approve by Carrasco-Nungaray; Second by Turner;
Unanimous approval vote

III. Retention:

IV. Action Items:

A. Senate Council Composition: Motion to Table until next meeting by Sezzi;
Second by Oliver; Unanimous approval vote

V. President's Report:

A. CRC/DCAS: A \$3.5 ± million reduction is predicted for 2006/2007 budget year. This information was presented at a VC campus-wide Budget Forum on 10/12/05 conducted by the College President, Executive VP and Budget VP. It was also noted that at a District meeting held this morning there is a redesigning of the District Budget Allocation Model. The first meeting began by reviewing the Ten Basic Principles agreed upon during the 1996 model formulation. Kathryn circulated a folder containing items related to budget and budget allocation for review by members. The ten principles were reviewed with suggested changes noted. (*10)

B. Curriculum/DCSL: It was reported that in lieu of Jeff Ferguson's absence, Paulette Johnson will be performing his duties. Additionally, (1) it was noted that 'common course numbering' is a dead issue due to a creative electronic 'solution' using the Banner system and (2) the compressed calendar thought to be a way of increasing enrollment has been shown by other colleges to yield only short-term increases of only one or two years. Afterwards enrollments drop back to previous levels. (*1)

C. Core Competencies/Student Learning Outcomes: It was reported that a campus-wide committee met on 10/10/05 to formulate core competencies for VC. Kathryn has made several presentations including one to the department heads about CC/SLO. (*5,7)

- D. State Senate Issues** [recent information item added to report]: It was reported that the State Senate meeting is coming up soon and Kathryn wants faculty input on a (1) math and (2) English graduation requirement proposed by several colleges and yet to be resolved. (*2,4)
- E. College Reorganization** [recent information item added to report]: The College president has recently announced that the current arrangement of disciplines/departments/divisions needs reviewing and updating. Kathryn suggested that Council members take this idea back to their areas and return with suggestions to forward to the College President. This topic will be placed on the next Council meetings agenda for further discussion. (*6,10)
- F. Board Policy Manual** [recent information item added to report]: Kathryn reported that the (District) Board Policy manual advisory committee will now have representatives from the AFT and classified staff, in addition to the existing members. (*6)

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. 80th Anniversary:** Item postponed due to Becky's absence
- B. FOG:** No report
- C. Other:** No reports
- D. Senate Elections:** Steve reported that Senate elections are planned to begin on November 7th for the four Senate Executive offices for the 2006/2007 year. Those elected will officially begin their terms beginning May 2006. (*6)

VII. Informational Items:

- a. One Campus, One Book:** It was reported that this program is going well and has included readings by the College President as well as others. (*4)

VIII. Discussion Items:

- A. Academic Freedom:** It was suggested that if classroom disruptions occur that interfere with the normal classroom content that these incidences be reported to the Student Activities Advisor David Bransky. (*5)
- B. Senate Goals:** Kathryn introduced the idea of the Senate Council considering setting goals for this school year. One suggestion was to create a listing of campus abbreviations that could be used by new faculty and/or new Council members. Other suggestions will be recorded and discussed as they arise.

- IX. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Hendricks to adjourn; Second by Turner; Unanimous approval vote

Minutes recorded and prepared by Luke Hall in the absence of Bob Porter