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Minutes
Ventura College Academic Senate
Thursday, October 4, 2007

I. Call to order at 1:34

Present: Terry Morris (PE/Athletics), Ollie Powers (Criminal Justice, Technology and Music), Lauri Moore (Treasurer), Dave Oliver (Math/Science), Deborah Ventura (Vice President), Ann Bittl (Art), Edith Conn (Senator Emeritus), Joe Selzler (Secretary), Kathryn Schoenrock (President), Randy Ringen (Communications and Learning Resources), Bill Hendricks (Art), Paula Munoz (Counseling), Mayo de la Rocha (Social Sciences), Meredith Mundrell (alternate for Nancy Mitchell- Nursing)

Guest: Dr. Robin Calote

II. Approval of the minutes

Approved 10-0 with 1 abstention

It was moved to discuss the Participatory Governance Handout first due to Dr. Robin Calote's visit to the senate. Approved.

III. Action Item

A. Minors on campus policy Faculty in some areas are having young students who create special circumstances including safety concerns. Some of the concerns raised relate to older men making advances to teenaged students, and instructors not being aware of the age of the students. The senate will invite Registrar Susan Bricker to talk about this issue since she has the consent form that parents of underage students must sign upon enrollment.

B. Participatory Governance Handbook Kathryn Schoenrock updated the Senate on the Participatory Governance Handbook. An addition was made to the manual after the Senate approved the Handbook at the last meeting. The addition related to the flow of information among constituent groups. A letter from Dr. Meznik was also received by the Senate which stated that the addition could be removed from the PGH if the Ventura College Senate did not agree to the addition. President Calote recommended that the Senate accept the proposed addition. There were concerns about changes being made to the PGH without consultation of the Senate. It was moved to not accept the addition due to it being placed in the Handbook after the Ventura College Senate voted to accept the Participatory Governance Handbook. Approved 8-2-4. In addition, the Oxnard Academic Senate is considering a resolution stating that there are reservations with the Handbook and that the Senates "reserve the right to effectively participate in the review of the PGH in May 2008" and expressing "deep reservations of the adopted version of the Handbook."

C. Follow-up to special meeting on criteria for cutting classes. There was a meeting with EVP Ramiro Sanchez after the Senate had asked to speak to the deans regarding the cutting of classes. Large class sections, the timing of cutting classes before registration ends, the moving of hours from department-to-department, and the minimum

class size needed for a class to be offered (15 according Dr. Sanchez) were issued raised during the meeting. The tracking of the effects of cutting classes was proposed. Productivity seems to driving all decisions now. It is hard to add new courses because in order to make room in the schedule other classes must be cut. The Summer Schedule will be cut to make up for over scheduling in the Fall Semester.

III. President's Report

A. Administrative Council Report A list of programs that would lead to jobs within two years was discussed and some programs were suggested to be removed. Programs mentioned for removal were Agricultural Plant Science, Commercial Art, Computer Science, Engineering, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Health Information Technology, Interior Design, Journalism, Multimedia, Natural Resources, Photography, Real Estate, and Sign Language.

B. DCSL Nancy Latham was at the meeting and suggested that on the college application there should be checkbox for students who need help during an evacuation.

C. Curriculum Committee and DTRW Distance Education committee was formed at the previous meeting. Heather Utalaan is concerned about faculty overruling her. There is also concern about which instructors can teach online. This is an issue for the AFT.

D. Other

E. Technical Assistance Visit-October 9 a the Pierpont The visit this time is only a one day visit.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Division reps on college committees

V. Items for Information/Discussion

A. Division Reports

B. Other One book, One campus calendar is out. There is a lot going out this month.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21.