

**Minutes – Academic Senate
June 1, 2009**

Members Present:

Dolores Davison, Carolyn Holcroft-Burns, Tess Hansen, Donna Frankel, Ernie Schmidt, Don MacNeil, Jose Nava, Tobias Nava, Sandi Watkins, Kate Jordahl, Bruce McLeod, Rosemary Arca, Jordana Finnegan, Karen Kieffer Gillette, Shanan Rosenberg, David Marasco, Nicole Gray (FA Liaison), Katie Townsend-Merino (Cabinet Liaison)

Members Absent:

Karl Peter, Harry Saterfield, Mike Murphy, Dixie Macias, Denise Perez (Classified Liaison)

Guests:

Matais Pouncil, Shirley Barker, Brenda Davis Visas, Todd Light, Art Heinreich, David Garrido

Dolores Davison called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Announcements

1. Dolores announced that Donna Frankel was re-elected as Senate Part-Time Representative. Unfortunately, only 3.6% of eligible part-timers participated in the voting process. Bob Cormia has volunteered to work on communication with part-timers for future elections.
2. Dolores has asked Senators to provide contact information for the summer in case there's a need for an emergency vote. She reminded Senators that they can send a vote by proxy, but that we can't have an electronic vote.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Approval of minutes as corrected from the May 11, 2009, meeting. Unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

M/S approval of consent calendar as listed below. Unanimously approved.

College Skills Coordinators: Lori Silverman, Valerie Fong

Follow-Up Report/Educational and Strategic Master Plan Writing Team: Dolores Davison, Rosemary Arca

Action & Information

1. EOPS -- Pouncil

Matais came to the Senate to discuss the opportunities available to students through the EOPS and CARE programs. One senator wondered about the proposed 50% cut to categorical funds, and Matais said they would do the best they could with the money they are given. He announced 2 grants the program received from community organizations. He invited Senators to stop by the EOPS Office in the 8200 building.

2. Construction Updates – Davis Visas

Shirley Barker introduced a team of project managers to report to the Senate on construction plans for Measure C money. She reminded Senators that Karl Peter and David Sauter are the faculty representatives on the construction committee. Dolores will send the PowerPoint presentation to Senators for reference.

3. College Skills/Program Review/SLOAC – Townsend-Merino, Arca

Katie announced that BSI money is funding release time for 2 college skills coordinators. The College Skills Committee decided on the need for these coordinators to keep the campus focus on the needs of developmental students. Included in the discussion, the Committee has been examining course sequencing, assessment, reading support, and professional development for faculty. The committee has developed an action plan which can be accessed on the instruction website under “college skills”. The coordinators will come to the Senate in Fall to discuss their role. One Senator mentioned that college skills could be linked to the SLO work as well.

Katie announced that the college is on its final iteration of data to add to the program review process. The distance learning data is being added. The ultimate goal is that all program review documents will be online. She reminded Senators that program review is a primary reliance issue for faculty, so all faculty should be involved in the process.

Finally, Katie and Rosemary thanked everyone for very hard work on SLO’s in a very short time. Next academic year, the Senate will serve as a sounding board or steering committee for SLO’s. This means that once or twice a quarter, there will be an SLO update to the Senate and communication Senators should take to their constituents.

4. Academic Freedom Policy -- Davison

In reviewing the policy, one senator mentioned that there’s a need for the Dean of Student Affairs to be aware of the academic freedom policy. Another senator mentioned the need to inform probationary faculty of this policy.

M/S approval of Academic Freedom Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Summer Stipend -- Holcroft

Carolyn reported that Dolores will be on duty this summer for board, CAC, Educational Resources committee meetings in addition to being response for equivalencies and serving on the Chancellor’s Hiring Committee. It has been past practice to offer the Academic Senate President a stipend for summer work.

M/S suspend the rules to vote on summer stipend at this meeting. Passed unanimously.

M/S/ to pay \$000 stipend to Dolores for summer stipend. Pass unanimously.

6. Committee Updates – Davison

CAC: The district mission statement has been amended to add “and careers” to the mission. Senators should take this proposed change to constituents for feedback.

The change of grade policy is still under debate. De Anza Senate wants students to be allowed 3 years to challenge a grade, whereas Foothill Senate agreed on 2 years. It is possible that the administrative policy could read "no more than 3 years and locally determined by college." The Chancellor is checking with legal counsel to see if there can be different policies at the two colleges.

Martha's confirmation is expected next week, so the Interim Chancellor will take over on June 29, 2009.

7. Budget Report – Hansen

Tess passed out a budget report for academic year 2008-09 along with a projected budget for 2009-10. A vote on the report will be taken at the next meeting.

Dolores adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by Tess Hansen
June 5, 2009