

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2006 (1:30)
Minutes

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Luke Hall, Robert Porter

Members of the Council:

Judy Garey, Peter Sezzi, Terry Morris, Lauri Moore, Donna Beatty, Nancy Mitchell,
Mayo de la Rocha

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

Guests:

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:40
- II. Approval of Minutes. One minor (non-substantive) change was made under section XII. With this change, all approved the minutes with one abstention.
- III. Approval of revised Senate Constitution. The Senate Council unanimously approved sending the revised Senate Constitution out for a vote to all faculty.
- IV. Ventura College Planning Goals. The Council discussed this issue and agreed, by consensus, to endorse these goals.
- V. President's Report. DCSL. The president handed out a document with the education code section that clarifies what the education code says about the role of DCSL.
- VI. President's Report. Administrative Council. The president distributed various budget documents. She mentioned that there had been no discussion of a new allocation model because we are in a budget crisis. She also highlighted the FTES situation at the campus and district-wide.
- VII. President's Report. Board Report. The president mentioned that two key issues at the Board were the reports by faculty about their sabbaticals and the academic freedom policy. Discussions of these issues followed.
- VIII. President's Report. Chancellor's Consultation—Board Policy CH 5. The president asked that any faculty who has questions or concerns about CH 5 or CH 6 of the changes the chancellor is making in the Board Policy manual should contact her. She will then bring your concerns to the governing board.
- IX. Marketing Task Force. Becky Hull presented some information about the last meeting of the Marketing Task Force. A discussion of this issue followed.
- X. Staffing Priorities Committee Report. Mayo de la Rocha highlighted the work that the Staffing Priorities Committee is doing. He mentioned that it is projected that there will be nine (9) full time faculty hires, which means probably two or three hires for Ventura College. He went over the process of how the committee will operate.

- XI. Treasurer's Report. Luke Hall reported that the balance in our account is \$2600. He will be sending out dues notices to faculty soon. A discussion of this issue followed.
- XII. New Business. Principles for Participatory Government from Oxnard and Ventura College. The president talked about the technical visit from the State Academic Senate and some of the principles that have been created by the Senates from Ventura and Oxnard Colleges. The meeting will be on April 18th. A discussion of this issue followed.
- XIII. Minimum Qualifications/Policy on Eminence. The president gave an overview of how "eminence" can be used as part of the criteria for gaining equivalency. She asked for a subcommittee to be formed to come up with the criteria for "eminence." A discussion of this issue followed. Becky Hull and Donna Beatty volunteered to be on this subcommittee.
- XIV. Disciplines List/Minimum Qualifications. Kathryn Schoenrock pointed out that every two years the Academic Senate is reviewing the disciplines list/minimum qualifications. The local senate must forward this to the State Senate. A discussion of this issue followed. Bob Porter mentioned that he would put this document on the Academic Senate website
- XV. Minutes of Nov. 3rd, 2005. The Council discussed the minutes from Nov 3rd, Item V, especially the statement: "If a student is disrupting your class by trying to foster their political agenda, then he advised faculty to frame the way they respond by stressing that the student is disrupting their class, not engage them in academic discussions." The Council clarified that David Bransky's presentation focused on how to deal with classroom disruptions and the words "by trying to foster their political agenda" was just one example of ways that students can disrupt a class.
- XVI. Great Teachers Seminar. Becky Hull announced that the Great Teachers Seminar will be held in Santa Barbara only this semester. Lauri Moore and Donna Beatty volunteered to be on the steering committee for the Great Teaches Seminar.
- XVII. Public Announcements. Peter Sezzi mentioned that he spoke with Octavio Sifuentes regarding the graduation and said he would let us know more about the role of faculty in the graduation process. It was announced that Malalia Joye, the first woman member of the Afghan Parliament, will be at the Ventura College Theater on Monday, March 20th at 10:30am. Other faculty made announcements about other issues.
- XVIII. A motion was made to adjourn and approved unanimously at 3:27.

Notes taken by Bob Porter, March 16th, 2006.