

**Academic Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (1:30)**  
**Minutes**

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Luke Hall, Robert Porter

Members of the Council:

Nancy Mitchell, Mayo de la Rocha, Judy Garey, Peter Sezzi, Karen de la Pena, Terry Morris, Colleen Coffey, Lauri Moore, Paula Munoz, Donna Beatty

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

- I. President Kathryn Shoenrock called the meeting to order at 1:35
- II. Minutes approved unanimously for both Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- III. College President Robin Calote presented some information to us. She mentioned a seminar she had attended involving philanthropy and college students. She has been consulting with the VC Foundation and others in the community with some ideas. For all graduating high school seniors who are willing to commit to a goal; who have been assessed for reading, writing and math; and have to work with a counselor to identify an education plan; and have to apply for financial aid (to see if they qualify). For students whose parents' income falls under \$50,000, the VC Foundation will commit resources to aid these students and build an endowment for the next three years. The idea is that each local community will help promote the endowment as well as the VC Foundation. Questions and discussion of this issue followed. (\*11)
- IV. College President Robin Calote also gave a presentation about service learning outcomes (SLOs). She handed out a form that highlighted where we are at with SLOs right now. She mentioned that the next step will be to meet with department heads and disciplines to examine who is meeting which SLOs around campus. She mentioned that this will then allow us to integrate how we teach with SLOs as well as track and post this information on the web. Students will be able to see which core competencies are covered in which discipline. A discussion and questions followed. (\*6)
- V. College President Robin Calote and Senate President Kathryn then offered some general insights about the budget situation and some other issues. The budget situation, as of this date, does not seem to be as bad as thought. Although FTES is still down, it appears to be down only about 1% district

wide and up at Ventura College. These numbers, it was stressed, are fluctuating but it seems unlikely that we will have a worst case scenario. (\*10)

- VI. President's Report: Kathryn Schoenrock brought up the issue of the role of DCSL (The District Committee on Student Learning). She reported that Chancellor Meznek asked Eva Conrad of Moorpark College to rewrite the DCSL mandate. The issue that is emerging is whether each college should have autonomy or whether the DCSL would operate in a fashion that took away some of the individual college's autonomy. One issue brought up was Moorpark College's attempt to create a transfer degree that does not include an Ethnic Studies and PE/Health requirement. A discussion of this issue followed. Kathryn Schoenrock recommended that Senators take this issue back to their departments and divisions for feedback. Nancy Mitchell asked that an electronic version of the document under discussion (DCSL mandate) be sent to faculty. (\*6,1,2,9)
- VII. President's Report (continued): Kathryn mentioned that there is some disagreement about what the relationship should be between the Academic Senates and the Board of Trustee members. At issue is whether the Board members have a right to hear directly from faculty. Regarding the District Enrollment Management Task Force, the issue seems to be fizzling out because the budget scenario is not so bad. The last day to send feedback to KH is January 27<sup>th</sup>. There was consensus among Senators that the Academic Senate should be allowed to have direct communication with the Board Members and it is recommended that faculty respond to the KH report and emphasize this issue. (\*6,7,10)
- VIII. Part-time representation on Academic Senate. It was agreed to by consensus that Colleen Coffey would be our part-time rep for this semester. (\*6)
- IX. Senate dinner will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> Friday (6:00pm-9:00pm). Senate dues will be coming out in the spring. If you want to make a change in the amount, contact Luke Hall. If you do not respond, your regular amount will be taken out. (\*6)
- X. A motion was made to table the bylaws and rename it Constitution/Bylaws and bring it back as an Information Item at the next meeting (February 7<sup>th</sup>). (\*6)
- XI. Action Item: Board Policy Chapter 4: Academic Freedom. A new policy on Academic Freedom was presented and discussed. It was agreed that Kathryn Schoenrock will discuss this issue with the chancellor and tell him that the Senate needs more time to look at this issue. A motion was made to table this item for the next meeting. Discussion of the issue followed. It was agreed that the Senate Executive officers will examine the policies and come up with a new proposal to present an action item for the next meeting. If any other

faculty are interested in helping with this process, we will be meeting next Wednesday, January 25th at 1:30 in the Academic Senate office (across the hall from the Campus Police). (\*11)

- XII. Terry Morris presented his situation to the Board. He has apparently been removed as head football coach and is concerned about the decision-making process through which he was removed. Discussion of this issue followed. (\*4,6,)
- XIII. Kathryn Schoenrock mentioned that LULAC is considering filing a suit against VCCCD and is investigating a charge of institutional racism against Oxnard College. LULAC alleges that Dr. Lydia Ledesma-Reese was being forced to work in a hostile environment. A discussion of this issue followed. (\*11)
- XIV. A motion was made to adjourn and approved unanimously at 3:52pm.

Minutes submitted by Bob Porter.