

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2006 (1:30)
Minutes

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Luke Hall, Robert Porter

Members of the Council:

Mayo de la Rocha, Judy Garey, Peter Sezzi, Terry Morris, Lauri Moore, Paula Munoz, Donna Beatty, Ollie Powers, Maryann Carrasco Nungaray, Bill Hendricks, Karen de la Pena

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

Guests:

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:35
- II. A motion was made, and seconded, to move the Action Items on the agenda after the approval of the minutes and before the president's report. This motion was approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of the minutes. President Kathryn Schoenrock mentioned that in the Feb. 16th minutes, there was a mistake regarding item VI. With this change, the rest of the minutes were approved by vote with two abstentions.
- IV. Academic Freedom Policy. President Schoenrock overviewed some of the changes that Moorpark and Oxnard College had made to the Academic Freedom policy. A vote was taken to approve these changes and approved with one "no" vote.
- V. Senate Sponsorship of "Ventura Promise" Program. Luke Hall gave an overview of the Senate's budget in regards to sponsoring a student in the program. He mentioned that if we do support a student in the "Ventura Promise" program, we might not be able to support students with scholarships for textbooks. A discussion of this issue followed. A motion was made for the Senate to support ½ of a student and two book scholarships. All voted in favor with one "no" vote and one abstention.
- VI. President's Report: DCSL. President Schoenrock mentioned that a vote was taken at DCSL (on a proposal by Moorpark College) for a transfer degree. She mentioned that she questioned the vote because Moorpark College had brought an AFT representative with them to vote while Ventura and Oxnard College had no AFT representatives present. She brought up that the person who voted had not been appointed as an AFT representative. She also mentioned that having DCSL vote on curriculum issues seems to violate a section of the Title V Education Code. She passed out an email she had sent with the section of the code. The handout also contained a copy of the membership of the DCSL, which showed that non-faculty outnumbered

faculty members. She noted that local curriculum committees are almost all faculty and that it does not make sense for their recommendations to go to the DCSL if it is not a committee with majority faculty membership. She mentioned that the vote was 11 for the transfer degree and 9 against the transfer degree. A discussion of this issue followed.

- VII. President's Report: Administrative Council Report. Kathryn Scoenrock passed out a handout which examined the ratio between managers and students at different community colleges.
- VIII. President's Report. Chancellor's Consultation—Chapter 4 of the Board Policy was approved minus the Academic Freedom Policy at the last Board meeting.
- IX. Marketing Task Force. Becky Hull mentioned that the next meeting is March 10th and that retention strategies were discussed at the last meeting.
- X. Amending the Senate Constitution. Bob Porter gave a presentation about changes that he, Peter Sezzi, and the Senate Exec had made to the Academic Senate Constitution. A few more suggestions were made and it was agreed that the revised Constitution should be sent out to the full time faculty for any feedback before we bring it back to the Council as an action item for the next meeting.
- XI. President Schoenrock passed out the final draft of the VC "Planning Goals" and said that College President Robin Calote asked the Senate to endorse the document as how VC would approach these board imperatives. The Council agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting as some senators wanted more time to look at the document.
- XII. Information Items: President Schoenrock asked Senators to remind their divisions to elect their Senate representatives in the spring. Peter Sezzi mentioned that the "Lincoln in the Library" event was very successful; they raised about \$1000 with the event. Bob Porter gave a presentation about the "One Book, One Campus, One Community" program and a discussion followed.
- XIII. Lauri Moore proposed that it would be helpful to announce what events that Senators are involved in and the Council did this. Lauri Moore mentioned that Women's History Month started yesterday and announced that Malalia Joya, the first woman to be elected to the new parliament in Afghanistan, will be on campus on March 20th, Monday at 10:30 at the Ventura College Theater. Maryann Carrasco Nungaray announced that counselors will be helping with the matriculation process. Karen de la Pena announced an open house coming up. Bill Hendricks announced an art opening coming up. Edith Conn mentioned an outdoor performance on April 4th. May 19-21 is a dance performance in the theater and she's trying to get EAC students to be on stage. Judy Garey mentioned that a theater production is this weekend and more will be on the way. Mayo de la Rocha announced that Dr. Lopez-Alves will be coming this Wed March 8th from 7-9pm at the VC Theater. The author of "Desert Blood" will be at Guthrie Hall on March 15th at 10:30. Luke Hall reported that Steve Palladino and Bill Budke are working on agricultural issues in the county. Becky Hull mentioned that the men's swim team were state champs last year. She mentioned that three athletes have 4.0 GPA's.

Donna Beatty announced that 33 students showed up to take the Student Math League Competition exam. This is a competition with 163 schools throughout the nation. She is thinking about creating a math club. Several math instructors are going to attend a conference this weekend. Peter Sezzi mentioned that he is involved in a very active Jewish Literature reading group. Terry Morris reported that basketball is having a playoff game and that the fitness center has been very successful in increasing enrollment this semester. Maryann Carrasco Nungaray talked about the counseling department/high school exchange program, where they are bringing high school students to the BEACH to register for classes. She mentioned that next week matriculation activities begin, including going to nineteen high schools. Paula Munoz mentioned that EOPS is partnering with financial aid in recruiting students from high school. She mentioned that she was also meeting with athletes to help them fill out applications. Retention has also been a focus, especially by Robert Chaparro. There will be an honors night at the end of the semester for people involved in the EOPS. Ollie Powers reported that Saturday March 11th the Ventura Community Orchestra will be performing. Also, the cabaret is coming up at the end of March.

- XIV. Treasurer's Report. The faculty dinner is set up for April 21st and awards nominations will be coming out. Also, the dues notices will be coming in your boxes soon. If you do not want to change your contribution, you don't need to make any changes. If you would like to change your contribution, then you need to proactively change the amount and let Luke Hall know. Luke also said that you can just give him a check if you don't want your voluntary dues deducted from your payroll.
- XV. A motion was made to adjourn and approved unanimously at 3:21.

Notes taken by Bob Porter, March 2nd, 2006