

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 6th, 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, Mayo de la Rocha, Tesi Low, Karen de la Pena, Bill Hendricks, Paula Munoz, Ollie Powers, David Oliver

Senator Emeritus:

Edith Conn

Guests: Mike Clark, Alisa Moore, Harmony Rodriguez

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:36
- II. The president introduced Mike Clark and Harmony Rodriguez, two of the new faculty.
- III. Alisa Moore gave a presentation about the role of the sexual harassment intake facilitator and the issue of sexual harassment. She mentioned that 90% of the cases are faculty-student complaints. She asked for more faculty awareness and involvement and mentioned that there would be a flex-day event regarding this issue. She asked for faculty to promote the flex day event with their departments. She also noted that there are opportunities for faculty to present other issues on the non-mandatory flex days (August 15, 16, 17). Mandatory flex day is August 18th.
- IV. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last Senate Council meeting. Approved with three abstentions.
- V. Endorsement of Staffing Priorities Committee Recommendations. Mayo de la Rocha gave an overview of the process this committee went through to prioritize the list of new faculty hires. The priorities were: (1) Reading, (2) Sociology, (3) Biology, and (4) English. A discussion of this issue followed. It was agreed by consensus, with one exception, to endorse the committee's priorities.
- VI. Deborah Ventura gave a presentation about amending the constitution that dealt with the issue of whether the current executive officers of the Senate can run for new two year terms or not in the coming November 2006 election. A discussion of this issue followed.
- VII. President's Report. The president reported that, at the last meeting of a subgroup of the DCSL, the issue of representation on the DCSL was discussed.
- VIII. President's Report. The president went over the Cal-PASS initiative, which allows colleges to track students after they have moved on from the colleges.

- The president asked that faculty take this back and we will examine the issue in further detail at the next Senate meeting. Discussion of this issue followed.
- IX. President's Report. The president mentioned that the technical visit from the State Academic Senate is coming up on April 18th. A discussion of this issue followed.
 - X. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer reported that the Faculty Recognition Night is coming up and he urged faculty to nominate faculty for these awards. The treasurer also mentioned that we still need \$205 to be able to sponsor a student under the "Ventura Promise" program and asked that any faculty please contribute what they can.
 - XI. The vice president reported on the issue of the equivalency process and procedures. She specifically examined the issue of "eminence" and how this relates to minimum qualifications. A discussion of this issue followed. It was recommended that faculty take back the policy to their divisions and get more feedback.
 - XII. Karen Gorback mentioned that her division had elected her as the representative to the Academic Senate for the fall of 2006. The president urged members to have their divisions vote on their Senate representatives as soon as possible.
 - XIII. A motion was made to adjourn at 3:50 and approved unanimously.

Notes taken by Bob Porter on 4-6-06