

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 20th, 2006 (1:30)
Minutes

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Luke Hall, Robert Porter

Members of the Council:

Judy Garey, Terry Morris, Lauri Moore, Donna Beatty, Nancy Mitchell, Mayo de la Rocha, Tesi Low, Karen de la Pena, Bill Hendricks, Paula Munoz, Ollie Powers, David Oliver

Senator Emeritus:

Guests: Michael Bowan, Michael McCain, Dan Kumpf

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:36
- II. Minutes approved with one abstention.
- III. President's Report: The president gave an overview of the technical visit from the State Academic Senate, which took place at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ventura on Tuesday, April 18th. A discussion of this issue followed. One of the key themes in this discussion concerned the need for faculty to get more involved in district and campus committees.
- IV. Mayo de la Rocha presented what was happening in the East Campus, as part of the President's report on the last Board Meeting. The Board voted 3-2 against moving forward on the Santa Paula East Campus. Discussion of this issue followed.
- V. The president also noted that the Board passed the new Academic Freedom Policy on a 5-0 vote. Bob Porter mentioned that he will email the new Academic Freedom policy to all faculty as well as include a hard copy for faculty to replace their old versions of this policy in faculty handbooks. The new policy is also available on the VC Academic Senate website.
- VI. The president mentioned that Equalization funds were passed at the state and that this should help deal with the budget crisis at VCCCD. A discussion of this issue followed.
- VII. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer reported that the faculty awards night dinner is tomorrow (Friday, April 20th). He also mentioned that the Senate agreed to sponsor a student under the "Ventura Promise" program and that we had almost raised the entire \$800 amount needed.
- VIII. Staffing Priorities Committee Report. Mayo de la Rocha reported that he had met with the college president. Dan Kumpf and two other math teachers attended the Senate with some concerns about the committee's recommendations. A discussion of this issue followed.
- IX. Becky Hull reported on establishing an "equivalency policy" and a discussion of this issue followed.

- X. The president announced that, because of sabbatical in spring 2007 for Bob Porter, a vacancy will occur for Academic Senate secretary. It was agreed that the president will send out an email to all faculty to solicit nominations for the position, as laid out in the Senate bylaws.
- XI. Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 3:30.