

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, August 24th, 2006
Minutes

Senate Officers Present: Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Bob Porter, Lauri Moore

Senators Present: Edith Conn, Mayo de la Rocha, Lauri Moore, Terry Morris, Marian Carrasco Nungaray, Paula Munoz, Randy Ringer, Dave Oliver, Tesi Low, Joe Selzer, Michael Clark, Peter Sezzi, Nancy Mitchell, Karen de la Pena, Dan Kumpf,

Guests: Robin Calote, Joan Beem, Helen Galindo

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 1:34

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the May 4th meeting were approved unanimously

3a. President Calote: Program Review

Dr. Calote reported on the “June 2006 Commission Actions on Institutions” that highlights issues that the accreditation committees are looking for throughout the state. She specifically mentioned that the program review process needs improvement at Ventura College and highlighted how this process would work. She then passed out some handouts on how program review will operate for the fall semester and thereafter. A discussion of program review issues followed. A “Program Review Timeline, 2006-2007” was also passed out. The Senate President passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering for the Program Review Committee.

3b. President Calote: Reorganization of the College

Dr. Calote also passed out a reorganizational chart for the college and asked the Senate for feedback. A discussion of this issue followed.

4a. President’s Report--Accreditation

The Senate President announced that the accreditation team is coming to campus this fall. She mentioned that a committee is needed to comment on a document regarding accreditation and passed out another sign-up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering for the Accrediting Committee Recommendations.

4b. President’s Report—Student Learning Outcomes

The Senate President reported that the college is moving forward creating student learning outcomes for the various disciplines. She mentioned that each instructor should have student learning outcomes on their syllabi and that, at the end of the semester, the disciplines should meet and examine how they have met the outcomes.

4c. President’s Report—New Math and English Requirements for AA Degree

The Senate President reported that new requirements may go into effect for Fall 2008 although this is pending some legislation in the State Legislature. She also mentioned that the Board of Governors of the Community Colleges is interested in promoting basic skills and is looking at funding this. A discussion of this issue followed.

5. Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee Report. The Senate President reported that the deadline for all new course outlines is September 14th. All new courses must be submitted to Jeff Ferguson and Paulette Johnson by this date.

6. Division Representatives for 2006-2007

The Senate President reported that she will check on whether each division has enough representatives. The issue of a part-time representative was brought up and it was agreed that divisions should ask for volunteers to fill this position for this year. It was also brought up that a student representative should be included in the Senate meeting.

7. Division Reports

Various members of the Senate reported on upcoming events.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm.