Academic Senate Meeting Tuesday, November 28th, 2006 Minutes

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

Senators Present: Randy Ringen, Dave Oliver, Marian Carrasco Nungaray, Paula Munoz, Nancy Mitchell, Karen de la Pena, Mayo de la Rocha, Peter Sezzi, Dan Kumpf,

Guests: Emeritus: Edith Conn, Deborah Ventura

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:35

II. President's Overview of District Council on Student Learning (DCSL). The president gave an overview of some of the history of the DCSL. The president noted that she has been asked to bring the Academic Senate's feedback to the next DSCL meeting so as to provide our views on how this body should function. The president passed out three handouts, two of which included information from the State Academic Senate. The key issue involved concerns the role of the DCSL as the intermediary between a college's curriculum committee and the Board of Trustees. Discussion of this issue followed. The president mentioned that Eva Conrad, president of Moorpark College, had recently been given a 10% pay raise to work on some district-wide issues, including heading DCSL. A current district proposal includes breaking the DCSL up into two groups: (1) a District Curriculum Council, and (2) a District Council on Student Learning. Numerous issues and ideas were brought up by senators and the president said that she would bring our ideas to the next DCSL meeting. A key theme was that the campuses, not a district-wide committee, should approve curriculum. Another theme was whether a district-level curriculum council was even necessary in the first place.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32