

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2007
Minutes

Senate Officers Present: Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Lauri Moore, Deborah Ventura

Senators Present: Mayo de la Rocha, Marion Carrasco Nungaray, Bill Hendricks, Paula Munoz, Karen de la Pena, David Oliver, Lauri Moore, Peter Sezzi, Joe Selzer, Dan Kumpf, Dr. Ollie Powers, Terry Morris, Nancy Mitchell, Tesi Low

- I. Call to Order:
Meeting was called to order at: at 1:37

- II. Approval of the Minutes
No minutes were available for approval. The senate will at next meeting

- III. Guest Ventura College's new EVP Ramiro Sanchez was introduced to the senate. He stated that he looks forward to working with individuals and the senate and is happy to be associated with VC and our stellar reputation. He has met with deans and started reading program review. He is willing to listen and considers himself a straight shooter. He sees himself staying for a long time and would like input from faculty and staff during evaluations. He's thinking about the future of distance learning, International students' program.

- IV. President's Report
 - A. Strategic Planning: reminder that planning has been going on with people from all over the district. We can access and give input through Survey Monkey. Next report will be on fiscal matters. After input and draft from that, the report is sent to the senate for approval.
 - B. Chancellor's Consultation: Board Report: Positions which the senate approved were sent to the board and approved. Mayo will report on other positions that may come forward.
Strategic Planning: Vision mission and values statement from strategic planning group was presented to the board. Some on the board felt that it shouldn't be recognized as first reading. Wording is still under discussion and will go back to strategic planning committee.
Lyn moved to OC. The college is discussing how to fill the position. Sabbaticals were approved: Michelle Millea, Bob Moskowitz, Joe Robinson, and Steve Turner.
 - C. Administrative Council report: We will be getting more funded positions to meet the district-wide full time commitment. Oxnard does not want more due to funding worries.

The Office Policy has been approved by the senate and should be honored when placing new hires in offices.

A student satisfaction survey is under discussion. Who will create it is uncertain, as Carolyn Inouye has moved to Oxnard College.

Grant writing process will be clarified by having Gary Van Meter come to the senate.

There will be a March 3 meeting with high school teachers and Language Arts faculty to share curriculum and take a tour of the college

The viability of Saturday classes is being looked at, as there seems to be a lot of activity on Saturday

The question of repeatability of classes and whether students who receive D's in the same class twice should be able to take the class for a third time has come up at Admin Council. There is discussion with the State Senate because the law is open to interpretation.

Administrators discourage individual faculty member's contact with State Chancellor's office. Senate members discussed the importance of providing many voices about an issue to the State Chancellor's office.

D. Community College Budget Initiative: FACCC has been working on an initiative that would pull out C.C. funding from the K-12 system and be better for the CC's They got twice as many signatures as needed, so it will be on the ballot. There is also a proposed initiative to support tech and voc. The Governor's budget would increase such spending through Student Success Initiative which moves money from basic skills to at risk high school students and to matriculation and assessment/counseling, and more money to support more nurses in community colleges

At the recent DCAS meeting, Sue Johnson talked about money taken out of 98 funding and used for transportation. This makes our numbers look high but really the amount of money the district has is the same.

CalWorks will now be taken out of 98 money. State took basic skills money and moved it to matriculation, counseling. The CCLC and State Academic Senate and System Office were not in favor of this. This is still being discussed and may change. The allocation model will be reviewed but without discussing equity and "death spiral." Productivity and FTES will be discussed. The senate is interested in what process will be used for review of the allocation model. Kathryn will make it clear that we wish to follow an open review process and not limit it to a single committee.

Through Program Review nearly one million dollars was recommended for equipment and physical improvements. The requests should have gone to CRC for prioritization, but Tom said the committee couldn't do that. Instead he met with the Deans and they worked out what to do. Senate reps Becky and Kathryn were not given the information in advance, so they weren't able to talk with faculty to see if the faculty needs were met through this changed process. They abstained from approving the list of CRC expenditures. Kathryn asked Senate Council members to check with faculty who made requests through Program Review to see if their needs were met and areas of concern were addressed. Kathryn will talk to

Robin about the changes in the process. It was noted, for example, that the figure for faculty requests which were approved through program review was actually much smaller than what was being said was requested.

V. Great Teacher's Seminar: Last year Ventura College didn't send anyone to the seminars. We need people to serve on the committee that will determine who will go to the Great Teachers. Nancy Mitchell will serve. Great Teacher's Seminar is held July 29-August 3 in Santa Barbara.

VI. Stanback-Stroud Diversity honors faculty members who are making progress in serving diverse students. We can nominate one person. The deadline is Friday, Feb.2, 2007.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Sabbaticals 2007-2008 : Congratulations to Michelle Millea, Bob Moskowitz, Joe Robinson and Steve Turner
- B. Staffing Priorities: committee recommended five positions. President took out two of the positions and added Distance Education, Football Coach, Art History. Distance Education will be a new management position. The senate is concerned that the process is not being followed
- C. Curriculum: none

VIII Items for Information/ Discussion

A People-Admin: There will be a new online hiring process that has come from district meetings, which began 6-8 months ago. Our diversity facilitators and Senate were not informed about these meetings and were not a part of any discussions. The Senate's role in hiring is mandated by Title V and Ed. Code; we should continue to fight for our right. This will be a total on-line application process including screening and scoring. It could change the way we put together our hiring committees. There are also security concerns. What is the cost of this program? We also wondered how this impacts faculty who donate their time to this important process.

B. Division reports: None

IX. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 3:40

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Ventura