

**4/19 Minutes MSP : Ventura College Academic Senate
Thursday, April 19, 2007**

Senate Executive Present: Becky Hull, Lauri Moore, Deborah Ventura
Senators Present Peter Sezzi, Marian Carrasco Nungaray, Dan Kumpf, Joe Selzler, Tesi Low , Nancy Mitchell, Dan Kumpf, Ollie Powers, Karen De la Pena

- I. Call to order** at 1:45 p.m.
- II.** Approval of the minutes MSP Becky Hull presiding for Kathryn Schoenrock who is attending the State Academic Senate Meeting

III. Action Items

- A.** Budget Allocation Model. Becky passed out a copy of the budget allocation narrative model which Kathryn thought would be easier to understand than just the model. There will still be a base amount of funding for each site (VC,OC,MC, DO), but the General Fund Unrestricted money will flow through the model. Whatever we do in spending, (We can expand the schedule,e.g.) would come out of our percentage of the unrestricted funds. Senate Council members will bring the narrative back to the divisions. The Senate accepted the narrative.
 - B.** Draft of District Technical Review Workgroup (formerly the Technical Review Subcommittee of District Council on Student Learning) Deborah Ventura presented the proposed language for the committee which was in line with what the Senate members had wanted. Kathryn has fought hard on the committee to get wording which recognized the authority of faculty and campus Curriculum committees. The council is in support of the document.
- IV. President's Report**-Senate President, Kathryn Schoenrock, is absent because she is attending the State Senate Spring Plenary Session. Vice-President, Becky Hull, reported on the following:
- A. Administrative Council Report:** Becky attended . Jeff Ferguson presented on the lower division Core Transfer Agreement with CSU's. There will be core requirements for major transfer plans. Some colleges are rejecting the courses CC's are sending, so we our sending our students' coursework through on each individual college's requirements. This is extra work for the counselors, but it has meant that we have not had trouble getting our courses through. There will not be mandatory district-wide Flex Day. Our Mandatory Flex Day will be the same. The managers have written an ethics statement in response to an Accreditation requirement. Faculty should also write a statement. In the past, the Academic Senate has subscribed to the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) statement. In another matter, 1/3 of full time faculty can participate in graduation. This is a contract day and there is talk about requiring attendance. Many senators believe that attendance should remain voluntary as that seems more in keeping with the spirit of graduation. There was also discussion about our Crisis Intervention team and what else could we do to be ready in case of an emergency. Some

Senators feel that faculty members are not being supported in dealing with troubled students through the Student Behavior Discipline process which utilizes the Student Behavior Code. Senators suggested that we do a campus-wide workshop about the discipline process for students, crisis management, and how to avoid problems. In another matter, there are still faculty members who have not turned in grades from last summer. Before all faculty leave for this summer, the deans will try to get accurate contact information for all faculty members, so they can contact faculty to get grades. Also Tom Kimberling is looking for two faculty members who would be willing to be trained (\$100 stipend) in the ergonomic correctness of office equipment and evaluate furniture in peers' offices. Finally, there are budget requests that came through Program Review Process and must be spent by May 1. Faculty should check with their dean to make sure this has happened.

- B. Board Report:** The Board approved tenure for all of the faculty members who were recommended for tenure by their committees. AFT President, John Wagner was instrumental in encouraging the board to do so, and the Academic Senate is grateful for that.
- C. Diversity Facilitators:** In the past, faculty served as facilitators, but now the district has moved away from this. Faculty members are upset about this because when faculty are involved, there is more buy-in by faculty, the facilitator is familiar with the college's values, and the process is consistent. Many faculty also complained about ORAP. There was also concern about information about the history and campus values which are part of the process and has been lost because of losing our diversity facilitators. Some people felt that the role of faculty has been diminished.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A.** Faculty Recognition Night-April 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m Retirees being honored are Harry Korn, Myra Toth, and Sandra Kinghorn.
- B.** Report on nominations for faculty recognition. The faculty who will be honored by the Academic Senate are Farzeen Nasri (Outstanding Service to Community), Steve Palladino (Outstanding Service to Students), Bob Porter (Outstanding Service to the College) and Luke Hall (Outstanding Service to Faculty)

VI. Committee Reports: Website – We will be changing our website

VII. Items for Information/Discussion

A. Division Reports: People are concerned that Robin sent out a request for names of people interested in serving on committees when some of the committees are Senate committees. Some people wanted clarification of the process for selection of faculty on dean's hiring committee. Becky said that the process is that the president decides. There is a suggestion that we create a process.

B. Other: None

VIII. Adjournment: 3:45 MSP