

Minutes: MSP

Ventura College Academic Senate  
September 6, 2007

I. Call to Order at 1:41 pm

Present: Terry Morris (PE/Athletics), Paula Munoz (EOPS/EAC), Pam Schroeder (Communications and Learning Resources), Ollie Powers (Criminal Justice, Technology and Music), Lauri Moore (Treasurer), Dave Oliver (Math/Science), Nancy Mitchell (Nursing), Karen de la Pena (Business), Deborah Ventura (Vice President), Ann Bittl (Art), Edith Conn (Senator Emeritus), Joe Selzler (Secretary), Kathryn Schoenrock (President)

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approved with no corrections

III. Action Items

- A. Board Policy Manual- moved to President's Report since no action needed  
Moved by Deborah Ventura 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Mitchell (approved 12-0)
- B. Participatory Governance Manual. The Senate was updated by the Academic Senate President on the Participatory Governance Manual which was proposed in the summer by the Chancellor. There is concern that the District Consultation Council will now be a "gatekeeper" for information and proposals going to the Board of Trustees similar to the proposal for DCSL last year. The current proposal for DCC does not call the DCC a governance group. There were many questions about the role of DCC and its review of curriculum. This seems to be in violation of Ed Code. There was also concern that not enough time was given for the Senate to respond to the manual. The Board of Trustees will be presented the final manual on Tuesday according the accreditation report. Senators were asked to get input on the proposal from the division. A resolution of disapproval of the role of DCC in the curriculum will be drafted for approval at the next Senate meeting, and the Senate President will discuss the issue with Board of Trustee members.
- C. Draft of Senate Bylaws. The draft of the Senate Bylaws was presented by Deborah Ventura. The Bylaws will be discussed with faculty by Senate representatives, then voted on by the Senate, and then by the entire faculty. In addition, the campus committee list prepared by the College President and its relationship to the Senate Bylaws will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

V. President's Report

- A. Administrative Council Report- Deadlines are near for courses revisions. Courses need to be updated every six years for articulation. Other courses may be deleted if they haven't been offered recently; however, departments need to recommend that courses be deleted before they can be removed from the catalog by the curriculum committee. Make sure your department chair reviews the list of courses to be deleted so there are no mistakes. In addition, tenure review and program review are all the same time which is a time crunch.

- B. DCSL There has been one meeting this year. Its charge is now unclear: district-wide issues but not curriculum.
- C. Curriculum Committee and DTRW: no report
- D. Chancellor's Consultation. Participatory Governance Manual is the big issue.
- E. Other

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

- A. Summary of 2006-2007 Budget. The Senate saved about \$900 net last year. Income was from dues, and the dinner; expenses included scholarships and the dinner.

#### VI. Committee Reports

- A. Division reps on college committees

#### VII. Items for Information/Discussion

- A. Division Reports- none
- B. Other- ORAP still needs to be reviewed as demanded by the Senate last academic year. There are some reports of application packets not being complete due to errors in processing. Others report that the system might be getting better. The Senate needs to check on getting a formal evaluation of the ORAP system.

There are concerns about minors on campus and the need for a policy for student interactions involving minors that may not be appropriate.

#### VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29.