

Ventura College Academic Senate Thursday, December 6, 2007

I. Call to order

Called to Order at 1:40 pm

Present: Lauri Moore (Treasurer), Dave Oliver (Math/Science), Ann Bittl (Art), Edith Conn (Senator Emeritus), Joe Selzler (Secretary), Kathryn Schoenrock (President), Ollie Powers (Criminal Justice, Technology and Music), Deborah Ventura (Vice President), Karen de la Pena (Business), Nancy Mitchell (Nursing)

II. Approval of the minutes

Approved 8-0 with two abstentions

III. President's Report

A. Administrative Council Report Rats are on the loose in the Science Building which could be health issue. Headcount and unit count are up possibly due to the age of student decreasing, and counselors encouraging students to take more units. There will be a survey of students in randomly selected classes for Title V. The survey will take 50 minutes. The purpose of the survey is to help with accreditation and planning according to the College President. The survey has to do with individual education plans for students.

B. District Council on Student Learning/ District Technical Review Workgroup

The DCSL is still looking into having a fee for credit by exam. The effect LVN students who get credit for Nursing 10 was raised, and there was a question about where the money raised by the credit by exam fee will go.

At DTRW, the GLAS degree was discussed. It may not be complaint with state requirements. DTRW would like to develop a common degree. The effect on Ethnic Studies, Woman's Studies and PE as part of the degree is again an issue. These classes are required as part of the degree at Oxnard College, Ventura College, but not at Moorpark College.

C. District Council on Human Resources The resolution on faculty diversity facilitators was agreed to at the previous Senate meeting and was agreed to in principle by the District. At least one Faculty Diversity Facilitator will be at each College and classified staff members will only be used in an emergency. Compensation issues were worked out with AFT. Patricia Parham is working on a draft of the faculty hiring process with a common process for all three campuses.

D. Chancellor's Consultation Strategic Planning is being worked on. Its ultimate effect on the campus is unclear.

E. Others None

IV. Committee Reports

A. Division reps on college committees The College has reorganized with two new deans. The Senate will reorganize in the fall and realign division reps at that time. The position of nursing in the re-organization was confusing for a while due to being

listed in the accreditation report under PE/Athletics but in the college re-organizational chart Nursing was under Career Tech which is where they ultimately ended up.

B. Election Subcommittee- Results of Special Election Peter Sezzi was elected President of the Senate in the special election last week. It was discussed how the results of Senate Election should be reported. It was decided that the raw numbers will be available at the Senate Office and can viewed upon request by contacting any one on the election subcommittee of the Senate. Members of the committee were Joe Selzler, Karen de la Pena, and David Oliver.

V. Items for Information/Discussion

A. Division Reports There are new class offerings in real estate.

B. Senate Communication Senators were reminded to discuss issues with division members before voting on action items.

C. Other Faculty Professional Development Committee has formed and is creating a process to request funds. The committee has \$10,300 to spend by June 2009. Voluntary pool for travel money is also being established.

Staffing Priorities will be hearing proposals January 22 and 23. Dr. Calote will be there for the meetings. Karen de la Pena was nominated for an excellence in teaching award from the South Coast Region Consortium. New dance classes have been developed and will be offered in the Spring Semester. There is a dance concert at College Theater this weekend.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:57