

VENTURA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes of
May 2, 2002

Roll Call

Executive Board Members Present:

Richard Goff, President

Becky Hull, Vice President

Faculty Representatives Present:

Edith Conn, Ralph Fernandez, Marta Freixas, Warren Lew, Nancy Mitchell, Christine O'Neill, Kathryn Schoenrock, Octavio Sifuentes, Ola Washington

Student Representatives Present:

Sarah McCarthy

Administrators Present:

Tom Kimberling

Joan Smith

Faculty Presenters:

Karen Gorback

I. Call to Order

President Goff called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

O. Sifuentes moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2002. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

President Goff attended a meeting at the State Chancellor's Office to request additional funding for community colleges.

Review handout of AA Degree Option. Oxnard and Ventura Colleges voted "no" on this option and Moorpark voted "yes"; however, further discussion on recommendations to the Chancellor's Cabinet were tabled.

President Goff would like to form a faculty committee to assist with the search for a new Executive Vice President.

E. Conn would like it noted that approval of an advisory committee should go through Academic Senate.

Karen Gorback, Title V Project Director, attended the meeting to speak on the Title V Grant. Review handout regarding improving "Gateway Courses". There are funds available to faculty who develop new strategies and methodologies on "Gateway Courses".

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Senate Awards Dinner was under budget. Thanks to all those who helped make it a success.

Dues will be taken out of payroll this month.

V. Information Items

A. **Senate Faculty Awards Dinner** – Refer to Treasurer's Report.

B. **State Chancellor's Office and Partnership for Excellence Funds** – Reviewed reports on how other community colleges spent their Partnership for Excellence funds.

C. **State Academic Senate Plenary Session** – All changes to the Discipline's List favored by VC faculty prevailed.

D. **Senate Emeritus Professor Resolution** – E. Conn moved to make J. Tallman an Emeritus Professor and have Senate prepare a resolution at a later date. Unanimously approved.

E. **Faculty Breakfast** – Invite J. Tallman. Senate Awards recipients should also attend.

F. **Joan Smith, Acting EVP** – Encourages Senate involvement in campus activities and has an open-door policy. Requests development of Standard Chairs and Co-Chairs for next accreditation visit. Wants input regarding the Program Review Process.

G. **Tom Kimberling and Building Projects List** – Review handout of Bond Project List. Handel Evans is our new Bond Consultant. There will be a District-Wide Oversight Committee, a Citizen's Advisory Committee and a Campus Oversight Committee. Every project will have a task force assigned to it.

VI. Old Business (Action Items)

A. **Senate Subcommittee on Revising By-Laws** – M. Freixas would like to chair the By-Laws Subcommittee; five members are needed.

B. **Process for Selecting Senate Subcommittee Members** – M. Freixas moved to make R. Fernandez Chair of the Senate Subcommittee for Measure "S". Approved Unanimously.

VII. New Business (Action Items)

A. **District Academic Senate** – Review handout. Postponed.

B. **Smoking Ban on Campus** – Ask faculty where smoking areas should be designated.

C. **Staff Development Priorities** – Prioritize Staff Development activities. The Senate recommends a Team Building Retreat, Faculty List, Centralized Faculty Lounge, Faculty Handbook. E-mail additional requests to O. Sifuentes.

D. **Joint Committee for Accreditation and Planning** – Postponed.

VIII. Public Comments

Address language needs and support services for international students.

IX. Adjournment

At 3:42 p.m. M. Freixas moved to adjourn the meeting.