

VENTURA COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes of
March 20, 2003

Roll Call

Executive Board Members Present:

Richard Goff, President
Becky Hull, Vice President
Joyce Evans, Treasurer
Kathryn Schoenrock, Secretary

Faculty Representatives Present:

Edith Conn, Karen de la Pena, Ralph Fernandez, Luke Hall, Bill Hendricks, Paulette Johnson, Warren Lew, Nancy Mitchell, Terry Morris, Christine O'Neill, Steve Turner

Student Representatives Present:

Administrators Present:

Jim Walker, Interim Chancellor
Joan Smith, Executive Vice President

I. Call to Order

President R. Goff called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Amend the minutes of March 6, 2003 to include a report on Administrative Council under Section III. President's Report.

J. Evans moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2003 as amended. Approved unanimously.

K. Schoenrock moved to allow Section VI. item B. Faculty Budget Cuts Resolution, Section IV. Item D. Accreditation Update, Section VI. Item A. Naming Classrooms in Math/Science Building, and Section III. Item C. Emergency Fund to the beginning of the agenda to allow guests to speak first and then continue with the rest of the Senate agenda. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

A. **State of the District** – Interim Chancellor Jim Walker discussed how the budget cuts were affecting the college district. The allocation model has been suspended through the next fiscal year. There are still many unknowns which makes it difficult to assess further budget cuts. The offer of early retirement incentives have produced 17 classified staff who plan to retire by the end of this fiscal year. AFT is in negotiations for early retirement incentives for faculty. Legal expenses are out of proportion for a college district of this size. There will be an elimination of 3-4 management positions at the District.

Interim Chancellor Walker observed that if we are to avoid faculty layoffs, employee concessions may be necessary as negotiated through their union. However, he wanted to make it clear that he was not intending an unfair labor practice.

- B. **Beverly Shue State of the State Senate** – Discussed services of State Senate and reviewed brochure. Also discussed the status of community colleges in these fiscal times.
- C. **Emergency Fund** – A. Marquez made a presentation on the Employee Emergency Fund which will be administered through the Foundation. It was established to provide a maximum emergency fund of \$250 to primarily classified employees who were laid off or had a reduction in assignment. There is a limit of 2 awards per employee. P. Johnson and R. Goff volunteered to assist with the program's development. P. Johnson moved to support participation in the Employee Emergency Fund. After some discussion, the move was amended to consider the needs of part-time faculty as well as classified staff. Approved unanimously.
- D. **Retirement Incentive** – Still in negotiations. Report progress at next meeting.

IV. **Information Items**

- A. **Faculty Email Accounts** – Postponed.
- B. **March 17th Rally** – Postponed.
- C. **Upcoming Board Member Visits** – Mary Anne Rooney is planning to attend the April 24th Senate meeting.
- D. **Accreditation Update** – J. Smith reported that the Progress Report has been completed and commends faculty and staff for their involvement in this effort. Copies of the report are available for review in the library and on the VC website. The accreditation team will be on campus April 2-3 and will want to meet with all recommendation co-chairs.
- E. **By-Laws Subcommittee** – C. O'Neill will call a meeting on 4/10/03.
- F. **FSA's** – L. Moore presented her concern regarding the evaluation process if non-teaching faculty bump into the classroom. She suggested that those faculty be supported with professional development activities and mentors. Move to Action Item at next meeting.
- G. **New Tenured Faculty** – Postponed.

V. **Old Business (Action Items)**

- A. **Naming Classrooms in Math/Science Building** – M. Keating submitted a list of donors for Senate approval who will have a classroom named after them in the Math/Science building. The donations of \$10,000 each were part of a fundraising campaign developed by M. DeLaO. The donors include Helen Yunker and her sister, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hooper, Tom O'Neill, and Carl Johnson. W. Lew moved to adopt the list of donors and approve the classroom signs. Approved unanimously.
- B. **Faculty/Budget Cuts Resolution** – K. Schoenrock presented the findings on the resolution. There was a total of 50 responses; 1 "No" vote, 1 response with only a comment, and 48 "Yes" votes. P. Johnson moved to adopt the resolution. Approved unanimously.
- C. **Educational Mater Plan** – Postponed.
- D. **Senate Committee List** – Postponed.

VI. **New Business (Action Items)**

- A. **Great Teacher's Seminar** – Postponed.
- B. **SB 6 – Senate Vote Against SB 6** – Postponed.

VII. **Public Comments**

VIII. **Adjournment**

At 3:50 p.m. W. Lew moved to adjourn the meeting.