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Minutes
Ventura College Academic Senate
Thursday, October 4, 2007

I. Call to order at 1:34
Present: Terry Morris (PE/Athletics), Ollie Powers (Criminal Justice, Technology and
Music), Lauri Moore (Treasurer), Dave Oliver (Math/Science), Deborah Ventura (Vice
President), Ann Bittl (Art), Edith Conn (Senator Emeritus), Joe Selzler (Secretary),
Kathryn Schoenrock (President), Randy Ringen (Communications and Learning
Resources), Bill Hendricks (Art), Paula Munoz (Counseling), Mayo de la Rocha (Social
Sciences), Meredith Mundrell (alternate for Nancy Mitchell- Nursing)

Guest: Dr. Robin Calote

II. Approval of the minutes
Approved 10-0 with 1 abstention

It was moved to discuss the Participatory Governance Handout first due to Dr. Robin
Calote’s visit to the senate. Approved.

III. Action Item
A. Minors on campus policy
   Faculty in some areas are having young students
   who create special circumstances including safety concerns. Some of the concerns raised
   relate to older men making advances to teenaged students, and instructors not being
   aware of the age of the students. The senate will invite Registrar Susan Bricker to talk
   about this issue since she has the consent form that parents of underage students must
   sign upon enrollment.

   B. Participatory Governance Handbook
   Kathryn Schoenrock updated the
   Senate on the Participatory Governance Handbook. An addition was made to the manual
   after the Senate approved the Handbook at the last meeting. The addition related to the
   flow of information among constituent groups. A letter from Dr. Meznek was also
   received by the Senate which stated that the addition could be removed from the PGH if
   the Ventura College Senate did not agree to the addition. President Calote recommended
   that the Senate accept the proposed addition. There were concerns about changes being
   made to the PGH without consultation of the Senate. It was moved to not accept the
   addition due to it being placed in the Handbook after the Ventura College Senate voted to
   accept the Participatory Governance Handbook. Approved 8-2-4. In addition, the
   Oxnard Academic Senate is considering a resolution stating that there are reservations
   with the Handbook and that the Senates “reserve the right to effectively participate in the
   review of the PGH in May 2008” and expressing “deep reservations of the adopted
   version of the Handbook.”

   C. Follow-up to special meeting on criteria for cutting classes.
   There was a
   meeting with EVP Ramiro Sanchez after the Senate had asked to speak to the deans
   regarding the cutting of classes. Large class sections, the timing of cutting classes before
   registration ends, the moving of hours from department-to-department, and the minimum
class size needed for a class to be offered (15 according Dr. Sanchez) were issued raised during the meeting. The tracking of the effects of cutting classes was proposed. Productivity seems to driving all decisions now. It is hard to add new courses because in order to make room in the schedule other classes must be cut. The Summer Schedule will be cut to make up for over scheduling in the Fall Semester.

III. President’s Report

A. Administrative Council Report  A list of programs that would lead to jobs within two years was discussed and some programs were suggested to be removed. Programs mentioned for removal were Agricultural Plant Science, Commercial Art, Computer Science, Engineering, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Health Information Technology, Interior Design, Journalism, Multimedia, Natural Resources, Photography, Real Estate, and Sign Language.

B. DCSL  Nancy Latham was at the meeting and suggested that on the college application there should be checkbox for students who need help during an evacuation.

C. Curriculum Committee and DTRW  Distance Education committee was formed at the previous meeting. Heather Utalaan is concerned about faculty overruling her. There is also concern about which instructors can teach online. This is an issue for the AFT.

D. Other

E. Technical Assistance Visit-October 9 a the Pierpont  The visit this time is only a one day visit.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Division reps on college committees

V. Items for Information/Discussion

A. Division Reports

B. Other  One book, One campus calendar is out. There is a lot going out this month.

VII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:21.