

Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 19th, 2006
Minutes

Senate Officers Present: Kathryn Schoenrock, Becky Hull, Bob Porter, Lauri Moore

Senators Present: Randy Ringen, Dave Oliver, Tesi Low, Joe Selzler, Peter Sezzi, Nancy Mitchell, Ollie Powers, Bill Hendricks, Mariann Carrasco Nungaray, Mike Clark, Peter Sezzi

Guests: Sara Gallaway, Deborah Ventura, Casey Mansfield, Luke Hall, Kammy Algiers
Emeritus: Edith Conn

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 1:36

II. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the September 21st meeting were approved with two abstentions.

III. Program Review. Maryann Carrasco recommended Aurora de la Selva to replace her on the Program Review Committee. A discussion of this issue followed. It was agreed that the Senate Exec would consult with Senate President Robin Calote regarding whether faculty could miss some of the meeting times. The issue was then tabled so that the Senate Elections presentations could proceed.

IV. Senate Elections Presentations of Candidates Running for Senate Office.

Deborah Ventura presented first and went over why she is running for Senate Vice President. Deborah emphasized her experience and commitment.

Sara Gallaway is a candidate for secretary and presented the reasons why she is running. Sara emphasized the need for collegiality and mutual respect.

Joe Selzler, another candidate for secretary, provided his arguments for why he should be secretary. Joe emphasized that he would like to have the Senate communicate more and reach out to the campus.

Casey Mansfield presented his case as candidate for the Senate treasurer. Casey mentioned his experience on committees and highlighted that new faces would be useful on the Senate.

Lauri Moore, the other candidate for treasurer, presented why she is running for treasurer. She mentioned the need for strong faculty leadership during the transition VC is going through.

Kathryn Schoenrock, candidate for president, presented her case. She emphasized her commitment to the faculty and how important strong faculty will be during a transitional period.

V. President's Report

- A. Program Review. The president offered an overview of the Program Review committee's first meeting. She mentioned that Bob Porter and Peter Sezzi were chosen as co-chairs of the Program Review Committee.
- B. Curriculum Committee Report. The president reported that the Curricanet software is being considered for adoption by the curriculum committee and the district. A curricanet conference is coming up in San Diego on October 27th and the president recommended that any interested parties go to this conference.
- C. Chancellor's Consultation: Strategic Planning (Committee). The president was appointed to the "student success" subcommittee of this committee and reported that she emphasized campus buy-in on the committee. The next meeting of this committee is tomorrow.
- D. Board Report. The president reported that she was disappointed how the trustees handled the student trustee election process.
- E. State Academic Senate Area "C" Report. The president reported that new math and English requirements will go into effect in fall 2009. She also attended the area "C" (refers to geographical area) meeting which addresses resolutions coming up for the fall plenary session of the State Academic Senate. A key issue concerns whether the requirements for an AA degree should be reduced to a state-wide AA that requires only IGETC and CSU basic transfer requirements. If the State Senate votes to approve this it could impact the autonomy of Ventura College's AA degree requirements, including its current health and women/ethnic studies requirements.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. FOG. Mayo de la Rocha reported on the situation of the new buildings. He said that it will take about five years for the General Purposes and Health Sciences Bldg. The "Q" building will be the first building demolished. He also reported that the J and K buildings will not be removed.
- B. Staffing Priorities Committee. Mayo de la Rocha reported that the Staffing Priorities Committee usually meets in the spring but, because of the new Program review process, the committee will have to meet in the fall before November 17th. He emailed the committee and the first meeting will be October 25th. The committee will meet to hear proposals on November 13th and 14th. A discussion of this issue followed.
- C. Bylaws Committee. Bob Porter reported that the bylaws committee is making progress.
- D. Staff Development. Edith Conn asked that the role of this committee in distributing funds for staff development be clarified.
- E. CID Meeting. The president reported on the CID meeting she attended yesterday. She emphasized that the college president is moving forward with reorganization and is not responding fully to the Senate's recommendations.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion

- A. Academic Alliance. The president reported that a group has been formed with 35 faculty who are meeting to discuss how to help students with basic skills. The next meeting is Friday October 20th at 1:00.

B. Division Reports. It was reported that Transfer Day was a success at Ventura College. The counselors reported that the three community college teams of counselors met at CSUCI to discuss issues.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45