Academic Senate Meeting Thursday, November 16th, 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, Ollie Powers, Marian Carrasco Nungaray, Mike Clark, Paula Munoz, Terry Morris, Dan Kumpf

Guests: Connie Jenkins, Ned Mircetic, Judy Garey

Emeritus: Edith Conn

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 1:36

II. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with two abstentions.

III. A motion was made to add Connie Jenkins, AFT candidate, to the agenda under Section VII (Announcements).

IV. President's Report.

a. Strategic Planning—Vision, Mission, and Values Statement. The president reported that any faculty with comments about changes to the District vision, mission, and values statements should bring them to the Senate. A discussion of this issue followed and several Senators had suggestions for changes. The president also mentioned that the survey was available online.

A motion was made to move item VIc Committee Reports Staffing Priorities Committee forward as some faculty who wanted to discuss this needed to leave the meeting early.

Va. Committee Reports. C. Staffing Priorities Mayo de la Rocha, the chair of the Staffing Priorities Committee, reported on the work the committee had done in prioritizing the list for faculty hires. The ordering of recommendations from the committee was:

- 1. Music.
- 2. Math,
- 3. Sociology,
- 4. ESL, and
- 5. History.

Mayo de la Rocha gave an overview of the committee's justifications for these five positions. A discussion of this committee's work followed. One suggestion made was that all faculty have input on creating the rubric for the Staffing Priorities Committee. Another recommendation was that presentations should be made public so that faculty understand the needs of other programs on campus. Another senator asked about the

composition of the committee and how it is determined. Another suggestion was that all positions, not just a short list for the president, be listed in order so that if funds became available we could have our priorities in order.

VII. The committee then moved to VII. Connie Jenkins, who is running for AFT chief negotiator, gave a presentation about union issues. She passed out a handout with some of the key points that will be in the AFT's negotiating proposal. Her major point was that funding was available but that faculty need to stay united. A discussion of various issues followed.

The president asked that we hold the discussion regarding the staffing priorities committee and move on to other business as time for the meeting was running out.

VIII. President's Report.

DCSL/Curriculum Committee.

The president reported that the chancellor recently stopped Ventura College curriculum from going to the recent Board meeting. Instead the curriculum will have to go to the DCSL committee before it reaches the board. The president also reported that there is some tension concerning the charge of the DCSL and its role regarding college curriculum issues.

State Senate Resolutions.

The president went over some of the issues that the recent State Senate voted on. She passed out a handout that highlighted some of the key proposals that Senators were interested in.

(Vb.) Committee Reports (continued)

Becky Hull. Elections: The vice president reported that the voting for the Senate officers will end this Friday.

Program Review Committee. Bob Porter and Peter Sezzi reported on the Program Review Committee, which recently finished its work for this year. A handout was passed out which highlighted the final results of the committee. A discussion followed.

IX. Adjournment.