



A World of Cultures United in Learning

**Faculty Senate Minutes
October 3, 2007
3:30-5:00 pm
Room 1307**

Senate Representatives Present: Susan Myers, Nancy Pauliukonis, Sharon Briggs, Terry Taskey, Victoria Loukianoff, Wayne Yuen, JoRainie Rodgers, Lily Xu, Gary Mishra, Jim McManus, Barbara Tull

Others Present: Dennis Keller, Rob Smedfeld, Ron Travenick, Jim Wright

1. Announcements

Dues collected have amounted to \$580 from about 30 people; Barbara Tull suggested putting a payment reminder in faculty mail boxes.

Senators were asked to remind constituents to pay dues by check.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections.

3. Distance Education Update Buehler

Cancelled

4. 2008-09 academic calendar Myers

The Senate voted on the proposed 2008-2009 academic calendar options. Option 1 – Fall semester begins after Labor Day; Option 2– Fall semester begins the last week of August.

Discussion-

- Concerns about a late start: Some courses involve final exams that require a great deal of time to grade- concern about quick turn around for submitting grades if the semester runs too close to Winter Break.
- With students getting out the week before Christmas, there will be students wanting to leave early.
- Support for late start: The later we start, the more attractive our schedule is to students. Approximately 1000 new students enrolled during the first week of our fall term. There is a market for students hoping to enroll at the very last moment.

Option 1 Calendar approved.

5. Faculty Survey –Loukianoff

The Senate the September 19, 2007 motion to conduct a faculty survey.

Discussion

- Recent Forum on the topic was very informative; Many students were in attendance.
- The President reported a history of the shared governance process.
- Environmental concerns for campus were discussed at the forum. There were questions about the historical significance of the olive trees. Those trees along “Olive Lane are not in the same historical content as those along Mission (old El Camino Real) The College and Board have the final say on what will happen to the trees. The Request for Proposal specifies that the olive trees and those in the palm bosque are to be preserved.
- Once we have a developer, the developer must work with the city of Fremont to preserve the integrity of architecture; whatever is built must fit into Mission San Jose district design e.g. no building may exceed Mission Church in height, etc. Once a developer is chosen, there will be open meetings and forums during which the college community will again have a chance to have input.

It’s important for us to understand what our role as the Faculty Senate is. We are an academic Senate. It used to be that the Senate was the only place faculty had a voice; now with College Council, Senate can focus on issues of instruction and academics as it is intended. The College Council serves as an additional opportunity for faculty to voice opinions. Six faculty members presently sit on the College Council.

Motion: Rescind the motion to develop a survey regarding the development of surplus property. (Loukianoff)

Second (McManus)

Motion Passed

6. Campus Leadership –Myers

Background-

- The Board seems ready to begin a presidential search.
- As a faculty, what do we want to see in a new president? It is important that we articulate what we want to maintain with respect to leadership at the college, e.g. goals we won’t compromise on, sustainability commitment, internationalism. As a faculty, what do we want to maintain, and what do what want that we don’t have?
- Suggestion: Define what we want to see in a leader; and express the opinion that, with major projects underway, we would like the search to continue after accreditation is completed.
- There is concern about the timeline and transition. We should ask for clarification of the Board’s transition plan and express that we expect to be involved in the process from the beginning, including the writing of the job description. Each

representative group appoints representatives to the hiring committee; the college puts the committee together and sends finalists to the board.

Susan will put this item back on agenda for the next meeting on October 17th.

7. Shared Governance committees Myers

Tabled.

Need 3 more faculty for the facilities committee, and 2 more on the Student Development Committee.

If Barbara can't find one more Faculty Senate representative from English /ESL, that position should become an at-large position.

8. Accreditation Self Study Pauliukonis, Yuen, Tull

The Senate continued its formal review of the Accreditation Self Study draft.

IIA5-8 (Yuen)

- We're doing very well compared to the state average.
- Comment- the Nursing program appears to be over-emphasized in one section with respect to other programs.

IIA1-4 (Pauliukonis)

- Surveys indicate a high level of student satisfaction with faculty and the quality of instruction.
- Within this standard there is great emphasis on identifying SLOs; the overriding indication is that the college has made excellent progress in this area, but that it is not a completed process; a formalized review process has been developed and is on-going; course and program SLOs are being completed and reviewed as courses and programs come up for review.

Standard IV Tabled

9. President's Report - Myers

- On Oct 10th Senate will hold a special meeting with the deans to discuss new faculty prioritization; Senate will receive presentations by faculty and will rank the positions.

Senators should review the educational master plan-- the goals that the college is committed to right now—to consider when ranking positions. The special meeting will be held in room 1406. There are seven positions to consider.

- Nov 1-3 – the fall plenary session of State Academic Senate. There will be helpful sessions with ideas we can bring back to the college. Is anyone interested in attending with Susan Myers?
- Recently a reporter from the Monitor contacted members of the Senate. Senators are under no obligation to respond; if you are contacted, respond how you wish.
- Reminder that, under the Brown Act, the Faculty Senate meeting is a public meeting; anything Senators or guests say at the meeting is public information.
- Susan shared publications from the State Academic Senate- basic skills initiative, what it is, state senate's role, etc. Please share information with constituents that these publications are available.
- Helpful resources including papers are available on the State Academic Senate's website. An excellent resource is "Working with 2002 Accreditation Standards;" it provides excellent background, explains faculty involvement in accreditation, and speaks about the state senate's involvement.