



A World of Cultures United in Learning

**Faculty Senate Meeting
November 7, 2007
3:30-5:00 pm
Room 1307**

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

Others Present:

Chris Warden, Rob Smedfjeld, Narinder Bansal

1. Announcements

None.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with correction.

3. Proposal for new department ESST Department of Environmental Studies, Science, and Technology - Narinder Bansal

- Narinder Bansal has been hired to develop and teach in the new discipline of Environmental Studies. His visit to the Faculty Senate Meeting is intended to keep faculty informed and to seek endorsement by Faculty Senate for the new discipline.
- BIO 108, 102 – will be cross listed under Environmental Studies. Newly created courses have to be taught for a semester before they can be approved by the curriculum committee for the GE pattern.

Motion- Faculty Senate supports the concept of the new discipline of Environmental Studies. (Kirshner)

Second- (Tull)

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Accreditation Self Study Xu, Myers

- Standard IIIC – Technology Resources is still in a nebulous state. At the last Board meeting the Board asked for more detail about the outsourcing of IT; at the next meeting, hopefully the Board will go ahead and approve the outsourcing of IT; then the writers will be in a better position to complete the standard.

- The Board was initially scheduled to approve the Accreditation Self Study on November 14; now it scheduled to approve it on December 12.
- The item will be placed on Senate's November 21 agenda.

5. Campus Leadership/Presidential Search –Myers

- At the last board meeting, a representative from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) made a presentation regarding ACCT's involvement in running presidential searches.
- The ACCT consultant would work with the college to run the process of contacting individuals and advertising the position in an effort to find a person who may be interested in the position. The consultant gets the search committee together to draft the interview questions and create the job description. The consultant acts as an impartial party in the process.
- College Council had looked at the set of procedures that were used previously; they revised and updated the procedures and suggested that that the Board adopt them as the official procedures. The Board chose not to adopt the procedures.
- During the last search, the presidential search committee sent forward several candidates and the Board went back into the pool and interviewed additional candidates; the ACCT representative said that was not a good idea because it violated the integrity of the process.
- It is apparent that the Board will go with ACCT. The ACCT representative will return with a contract and the Board must approve it.
- What is the time line? The consultant said that the search committee needs to be in place by December. Board hasn't yet decided make up of the committee.
- The Senate needs to appoint the faculty to the search committee. How will they be selected?

Motion: Faculty Senate will identify 6 or more faculty names to put forward to the faculty for a vote. (Kirshner)

Second: (Pauliukonis)

Motion passed.

- Faculty Senate representatives should bring names to the November 21 meeting. We need strong voices for the faculty on the committee—individuals who are familiar with the college, are available during the winter break, are experienced leaders, motivated, and have knowledge of how the college works.
- It was suggested that Dennis Keller and Susan Myers should be on the committee representing College Council and Faculty.
- Faculty could vote using Survey monkey. Paper ballots could be used for adjunct faculty teaching over 50% load.

6. “Focus the Nation” National Teach-In –Myers

- This project is a nationally-organized effort to bring awareness to global warming and will take place during the week of January 31, 2008. The intent is to teach across the curriculum to focus on sustainability and solutions. The event will coincide with the Newark campus opening.
- George Rodgers and an Ad Hoc committee will put together a good program and would appreciate any help. Meetings will take place on Mondays at noon in varying locations-- contact George Rodgers if interested.

7. Shared Governance committees Myers

- Senators should collect names and committee assignments from their constituents and bring them to the November 21st Senate meeting.
- Committees that count have to be a campus-wide committee.

8. President's Report - Myers

- Last week at the Fall Plenary, one big item was a Community College initiative (Prop 92 Community College Governance Funding Stabilization and Student Fee Reduction Act) on the ballot in February, 2008. The State Academic Senate strongly supports the initiative; Senators cannot campaign for or against the initiative while at work or using college resources, but should try to get information out about the initiative and make sure people are informed.
- The initiative would reduce student fees to \$15 per semester; establish minimum funding for community colleges separate from K-12; give the Community College System Office Board of Governors autonomy, more like the CSU.UC systems and less like K-12.
- Faculty Senate Brick: Susan Myers will buy a \$150 brick and Senators can contribute 10-15 dollars toward it.
- State Senate Awards
 1. Exemplary program- Senators can nominate an innovative career/technical program; deadline is November 16.
 2. Hayward Award will honor 4 faculty members for outstanding excellence in teaching and professional activities; nominations due December 3
 3. Diversity award- nominations for outstanding contributions to student diversity --due after December 7

9. All Other Business

- Concerns in Hyman Hall -- cleanliness of classrooms; computer programs used for teaching are often out of service, not working. Emails have been sent, but there has been no response.
- Recently the College of San Mateo had an accreditation site visit; the team recommended that SLOs be part of faculty evaluation. This is a union issue. For a long time there has been a push from the federal level to impose standardization on higher education; the state academic senate is vehemently opposed; it is a philosophical issue of trying to measure every thing that happens in higher education.
- Senate needs to discuss the election of an incoming Senate president for next year; this item should be added to the agenda.
- The Facilities Committee has a consultant who will make recommendations regarding use of campus space; that consultant needs to talk to Faculty Senate, not just College Council.
- Grading policy- proposed new option for grading: I/B or I/C-- Currently, if work required by an Incomplete is not completed, the student receives a failing grade. With the I/B or I/C, a student who doesn't complete required work will receive a particular grade that has been previously agreed-upon (B or C). This is very important for transfer programs. Many graduate schools use I/B or I/C. It is believed that either Foothill/DeAnza or West Valley/Mission districts use this grading option. Gary Mishra will gather information from those college websites.
- Some deans want to enforce prerequisites for auditing.