

Fullerton College Faculty Senate
Approved Minutes

February 17, 2011

Present

Business/CIS	
Counseling	Laura Almodovar-Sole, Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	Markus Burger, Carl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Brandon Floerke, Kim Orlijan, Rosalinda Ruiz
Library	David Brown
Math/Computer Science	Dana Clahane, Joshua Danufsky, Arlene Larios
Natural Sciences	Jan Chadwick, Carolyn Heath
Part-Time Faculty	Jim Book, Roger Perez
Physical Education	Tim Byrnes, Robin Conrad
Social Sciences	Josh Ashenmiller, Ricardo Salas
Student Services	
Technology/Engineering.....	Jose Miranda
At-large.....	Gayle Cebrian, Dale Craig, Mary Nolan-Riegle, Sharon Portman, Pete Snyder
Associated Students	Johnwilly Osuji
President	Marcus Wilson
President-elect	Sean Chamberlin
Secretary	
Treasurer	Sam Foster
At-large, (Curriculum Chair)	Jennifer Combs

Visitors: Toni DuBois, Paul McKinley

Absent:

At Large.....	Rebecca Morgan
Business/CIS	Paul St. John, Nancy Woolridge
Social Sciences	Julie Felender
Senate Exec.....	Jane Troop
Technology	Peg Donohoe

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dr. Wilson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Heath/Book) to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2011 with Changes.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/U (Chamberlin/Book) to approve the agenda for this meeting with the addition of a new agenda item on the Dean of Natural Science retreating to a faculty position.

IV. Public Comment

Sharon Portman indicated that there will be a fund raiser for Kinder Caminata through a local restaurant.

Toni Dubois indicated that on Thursday February 24 a fund raiser for the campus Care Bank would be held in the Quad.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report

The President indicated that he has received about 100 email responses to the email sent to faculty concerning the potential for significant class cuts being proposed by the District. The email indicated cuts of potentially 25 percent of total sections offered but did not include the total number of sections taught a semester. The total number normally taught WAS about 5,000, which means the cuts would result in the college only teaching 3,800 sections.

It was reported that the state Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) had proposed capping total units for students at 90/100 (not funding any units over this number). Another proposal was increasing the tuition to \$66 a unit and not paying for campus athletics.

It was proposed at DPC that in order to save money, the hiring of all open faculty positions be canceled with the exception of "critical" positions. The Senate President has discussed this with the college President, and it was determined that the only "critical" positions at Fullerton were a counseling position and a newly created position in Natural Science.

Some Senators recommended that the current hiring of the two college Vice Presidents be canceled to save money. The Senate President was directed to investigate how much money would be saved by not hiring full-time administrators to fill these positions and continuing to rely on interim administrators. The Senate President will get this information and report back at the next Senate meeting.

Another proposal from DPC was to cut from 50 percent to 66 percent of the summer classes at Fullerton in order to make up the \$700,000 in cuts that the campus has not yet made. These summer cuts would not impact programs that include external certifications such as Cosmetology that require students to complete a set number of hours.

It was pointed out that this summer distance education classes are scheduled to be taught using the new Blackboard system which is being hosted by the District. It is critical that these classes be taught in order to test the new system prior to the fall semester. The Senate President indicated that this may require Divisions to offer at least one distance education class in order to ensure adequate testing.

Treasurer's Report

Those faculty bringing snacks were thanked.

VI. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

New and revised programs proposed for the fall 2012 catalog need to be approved by the Curriculum Committee by March 2, 2011. Please remind your faculty to check the status of their programs and proposals in Curricunet and contact their curriculum reps. if they have any questions.

SB 1440 is now Ed Code 66745-49. Detailed and updated information is available at www.cccco.edu/SB1440.

The new "transfer degrees" to be created to comply with SB 1440 will be called "Associates Degree in (major) for Transfer" and will be represented as AA-T and AS-T.

Model curriculum is being developed by statewide faculty discipline groups for the 20 most popular majors for CSU transfers. The best source of information about this "Transfer Model Curriculum" (or "TMC") is at www.c-id.net.

The word "local" has been added to describe the CSU campus to which a student who completes an AA-T or AS-T will be guaranteed admission, but this has not yet been operationally defined. So, students who complete an approved AA-T or AS-T will be guaranteed admission to his/her "local" CSU in a "similar" major. "Similar" is also as yet undefined; however, the goal will be for AA-Ts and AS-Ts to match up with a specific CSU major. To be in compliance, we will need to develop at least two of these degrees for fall 2011.

Currently, state discipline groups have finalized Transfer Model Curriculum or TMCs for three majors: Psychology, Sociology, and Communication Studies. They promise to have Criminal Justice and Kinesiology finalized soon. Given the short time frame, we will likely need to develop two or more of these five for our fall 2011 catalog. There is a strong expectation that CCCs will develop curriculum for all of the majors for which TMC is provided, as long as the college already has the existing courses required for the degree. The other majors planned for spring 2011 are Business, Accountancy, Management, and Liberal Studies-Teacher Prep (we are promised TMC in spring 2011 They are also working on Biology, but this is tricky as it is a high unit major.

Each TMC provided comes with a “template” and the first step in developing these degrees here at FC is to plug in FC courses for each of the requirements. We are limited in that we can only use FC courses that are already articulated as major prep to a CSU; however, we do have the courses needed for each of the three existing TMCs and we believe we’ll have what we need for Criminal Justice as well. No one has seen Kinesiology, so we are not sure what that one will look like.

The challenge and the controversy is to figure out how the new transfer degrees fit with our existing programs and to develop at least two of these in the next few weeks. The template needs to be completed by March 2. Then we’ll work with faculty to develop the rest of the proposal in the weeks that follow.

VII. ELECTIONS

These faculty members were elected to the following committees:

Bill Henke Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee
Carl Stanaway Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee

Jaime Perez Fine Arts Study Abroad
Kim Orlijan Humanities Study Abroad
Tamara Trujillo Humanities Study Abroad

Congratulations! We thank them for their service to the college and our students!

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Committee – The budget committee is currently working on integrating the various planning and budget calendars so that a two-year budget/planning calendar can be used. This will correspond with the two-year program review cycle.

Technology Plan – The Technology Plan, which was created by the joint ITC and TIC committees, was presented to the Senate for a first read. This plan will be voted on at the next Senate meeting. Comments from the Senators can be sent to Dale Craig.

It was reported that the joint ITC/TIC committee that created this plan voted to recommend that the Infrastructure upgrade, a part of the virtualization section of the plan, be given top priority and funded immediately.

Addressing the Trustees – There are still openings for faculty to sign up to address the Trustees at the March 22 and April 12 meetings. The purpose of these addresses is to show the Trustees that faculty are working outside of assigned duties to ensure student success and to support their institution.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Priority Registration – Results of the priority registration committee, which included members from Fullerton, Cypress, and the District, were discussed. This committee was tasked with looking at ways to change priority registration rules to ensure that incoming freshmen can get classes and students who continue to drop and fail do not continue to get priority registration. The four main ideas that resulted from this

committee and input of the Senate, along with Senate input during discussion were are listed below.

- Institute a random selection of students for priority. This was not held in favor by the Senate.
- Students who have more than 90 or 100 total units would lose their priority registration status. The Senate felt that more data needed to be collected about this idea.
- Reduce the number of units that can be used in priority registration from 19 to 12. The Senate liked this idea.
- Subtract units in which the student received an F or a W from units that can be counted to set priority registration status. The Senate liked this idea.

It was pointed out that changing priority registration would not affect special situations such as DSS, EOPS, and veterans.

Grading Checking Software – A proposal was made to the Senate that some type of campus-wide software be made available to faculty so that their students can check on class grades/scores/etc. in a way that fulfills state mandated privacy concerns. Currently, faculty are using a variety of methods for communicating ongoing grades and scores to their students. The purchase/development of a useable system would be a priority.

M/S/P (Heath/Book) to task the Senate Instructional Technology Committee with investigating and recommending an electronic grade check solution with the proviso that Senators be informed of the meeting dates/times when the committee will discuss this issue so they can, if they wish, attend.

Strategic Conversation – The Trustees are going to host a new Strategic Conversations meeting in the near future and are requesting possible topics. Senators were encouraged to email the Senate President if they have ideas about possible Strategic Conversation topics.

District Master Plan – The District Master Plan is almost done and will be distributed to the campus community. Senators are strongly encouraged to review this plan.

(Added Agenda Item) Natural Science Dean's Job – A concern was raised by Senators concerning the current status of the Natural Science Dean and his retreating back to a teaching position in Natural Sciences. It was pointed out that a new faculty position was created for the outgoing Dean of Natural Sciences that the faculty did not request or even want. In the face of potentially large class cuts, an additional faculty member might result in insufficient units for all full-time faculty.

Various faculty expressed extreme disappointment with the lack of participation in or even communication about removing the Natural Sciences Dean from his position. It was suggested that since Deans play such a central role in the academic processes

within a division, the proposed reassignment of a Dean without involvement of the division's faculty might be of academic concern and should involve the Senate. A concern was raised that there seems to be a shift in the role of the deans from one that serves the interests of the division to one that serves the interests of the administration.

Additional questions were raised about following board policy that outlines the steps and conditions for moving an administrator back to a teaching position, which mandates consultation with the Academic Senate. It was also pointed out that if the Trustees violate board policy, they can be grieved under the faculty union contract.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students— The AS President indicated that students are concerned about the possible cancellation of up to 40 percent of the P.E. classes this summer and that students will attend the next Trustees meeting to protest cutting classes.

United Faculty— UF Board elections will be held soon, and Senators should inform their faculty members of this.

Adjunct Faculty United—No report.

Accreditation Self-Study—No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

by Dale Craig for Jane Troop
Faculty Senate Secretary