

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
15-Mar 2012

present, according to sign-in sheet

At-Large	Mike Baker, Liz Kiszely, Ricardo Salas, Jay Seidel, Pete Snyder
Business/CIS	Paul St. John
Counseling	Laura Almodóvar-Solé, Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	
Humanities	Brandon Floerke
Library	Dave Brown
Math/Comp. Sci.	Dana Clahane, Cheryl Duhme
Natural Sci.	Colleen Kvaska, Mary Nolan-Riegle
Part-time	Roger Perez
Physical Ed.	Pam Lewin
Social Sciences	Gigi Blanche, Robert Byde, Julie Felender
Student Services	vacant
Tech./Engineering	Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Maria Duque
Senate President	Marcus Wilson
Past-president	Ken Collins
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Sam Foster
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	Dr. Terry Giugni, VPI Rolando Sanabria, Counseling

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00P by Dr. Wilson.

II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Blanche/Nolan-Riegle) to approve the 16-Feb 12 minutes with corrections.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Kiszely/Foster) to approve the agenda for this meeting.

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Danielle Fouquette and Dolores Cornejo announced that the Cadena Center is looking for faculty, staff, and students to contribute in Worldfest on Thu, 26-Apr, 10:00A-2:00P. Contributions can be the form of cultural artifacts, dance/music/drama performances, demos/displays, or examples of academic research. If you would like to contribute, please fill out a form for the Cadena Center, and direct your questions to Cornejo or Vince White.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report

The Cypress College Faculty Senate has formally sought clarification of language of District Direction 3 found in the District Comprehensive Master Plan and referred to in other District documents. The language clarification more clearly distinguishes the three levels of instruction offered by Cypress, Fullerton, and the School of Continuing Education. It was the sense of the Senate to support the CC Faculty Senate's request.

Divisions are currently making equipment orders. The college set aside \$250K for equipment, but only \$125K of it is available currently. The other half will be distributed after the results are in from the Fall 2011 program review reports.

The latest PAC meeting featured a report from the Office of Institutional Research on student success and grading trends among the various Divisions. Apparently, some divisions grade harder than others. The data is available from the OIR.

The *L.A. Times* reported on Santa Monica College's proposal to offer more sections by charging a higher per-unit price (around \$200). Wilson spoke to Pres. Vurdien, who said that there are numerous legal roadblocks in the way of this proposal.

Workload Reduction proposals have been flying back-and-forth across numerous campus committees. The main issue is how the College divides up its extended-day budget. Senate executives believe it makes the most sense to look at how many instructional hours each division teaches, and use that as a basis for cutting and backfilling decisions. There was much discussion among the senators, many of whom pointed out that the controversy also comes after the X-day budget arrives at the divisions. Dividing up the budget at the sub-division level, still seems less-than-totally transparent. Senators lamented the District's logic that X-day is the most appropriate place to make budget cuts because the cuts most directly affect students and adjunct faculty, who are least able to protest and cause trouble. The Senators supported the need to focus the workload reduction model on each Division's hours of instruction, with 2008-9 as the base year. They also supported the principle that all faculty vacancies be immediately backfilled until there has been an objective and transparent determination to reduce instruction in a particular Division.

Pres. Wilson signed the FC written response to the Accreditation report. While he and the Senate had some reservations about it, they were pleased that the report noted the substantial progress on SLOs and program review. There is still no date for the follow-up visit from the Accrediting Commission of Colleges and Junior Colleges.

Treasurer's report

Foster thanked beverage, veggie, and cake providers Robinson, Kvaska, and Kizsely.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

VII ELECTIONS

Rolando Sanabria was elected to serve out the remainder of Sean Chamberlin's presidential term. Sanabria will serve one year as president, 2012-13, then one year as past-president, 2013-14. Our long national nightmare is over.

Other election results:

Faculty Senate Treasurer, 2012-13: Mary Nolan-Riegle

Faculty Senate Secretary, 2012-13: Brandon Floerke

Faculty Senate PAC Rep, present-2013: Bob Byde

Faculty Senate PAC Rep, 2012-14: Ken Collins

VIII OLD BUSINESS

Budget

The District Council on Facilities and Budget is considering an Associated Students proposal to re-examine the funding allocation for Disabled Student Services. FC has seen an increase in its number of DSS students, but the corresponding increase in DSS funding has not been proportionate. The Council passed the motion to carry out the re-examination, but there was a dispute on the Council about whether such a motion could pass with a simple majority, or if it needed a super-majority.

The Planning and Budget Steering Committee said that recent midyear cuts are covered by the contingencies built-in to the current 2011-12 budget. But, the deficit for 2012-13 could be anywhere from \$8-16M, depending on the fate of several initiatives on the November ballot. The District may decide to cancel 8-9 faculty job searches. Senators discussed requesting a Total Compensation Statement for District administrators.

Senate constitution and bylaws

No progress to report since last meeting.

Campus reassigned time positions

The Senate has already elected a selection committee to find and assess candidates for the Study Abroad Coordinator. The current vacancy for Staff Development Director will be filled using the new system agreed upon by Senate executives and Pres. Vurdien. There will be a campus-wide announcement. The entire Senate will collect letters of interest, then decide if electing a selection committee is appropriate. Pres. Vurdien will receive copies of the letters of interest and may decide to meet with candidates or discuss the candidates with the Senate. Then the Senate will vote as a body to fill the position.

Kiszely made the case that a rotation of campus re-assigned time positions should not be the Senate's *only* consideration, but it should be an *important* consideration in order to provide equal opportunity to all faculty members. Otherwise, the process undermines faculty morale and solidarity, ignores new talent and different perspectives, and replicates the top-down governance structure that faculty members usually complain about in reference to the District.

The Senate decided to review the entire list of current campus reassigned-time positions at the next Senate meeting, 19-Apr 12. It also passed the following resolution.

M/S/U (Kiszely/Almodóvar-Solé) that, in order to ensure fairness and equity when electing faculty members to campus positions with re-assigned time, the Faculty Senate will consider the history of who has held such positions and make rotation of re-assigned time an important consideration.

Priority registration

The FC Faculty Senate is not the only body in this District working on changes to priority registration. The current Cypress Strategic Plan calls for changes, and the District Consultative Council is forming a priority registration work group. Three Senators volunteered for this work group: Almodóvar-Solé, Byde, and Clahane.

There was much discussion of how this process will work. Will there be adequate input from counselors? Will the new system equate having a high number of units with failure, which would unfairly punish some returning students, students with high-unit majors, and athletes with a high number of units on their transcripts?

IX NEW BUSINESS

Worldfest

M/S/U that the FC Faculty Senate fully supports Worldfest, and encourages all faculty to allow students to attend the event during the College Hour scheduled for 12:00-1:00P on Thu, 26-Apr 12.

Middle College, Cypress/United Faculty Resolutions

There is no action on these resolutions yet, so the Senate did not take any action.

X LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

Please announce to your students that there are elections soon and many open positions. Applications are available at the AS Office, room 222.

United Faculty

The UF is still negotiating contract language for SLOs. The UF has three priorities for SLOs: 1) that SLOs be developed and carried out by faculty, 2) that faculty manage and store all SLO data, and 3) that SLO results never be used to evaluate individual faculty members.

Senators asked if the ACCJC visiting team can ask to see SLO results on specific instructors. Answer: no.

Senators asked if Division Deans could dock pay from faculty members on leave or partial leave when they miss division or department meetings. Answer: UF is seeking written clarification from the District.

Adjunct faculty

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41, all praise to the Creator.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
Secretary