

**FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE**  
**approved minutes**  
**15-Sep 2011**

**present, according to sign-in sheet**

At-Large	Mike Baker, Dale Craig, Liz Kiszely, Ricardo Salas, Jay Seidel, Pete Snyder
Business/CIS	Paul St. John, Nancy Woolridge
Counseling	Laura Almodóvar-Solé, Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	Karl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Jeanne Costello, Brandon Floerke
Library	Dave Brown
Math/Comp. Sci.	Dana Clahane, Cheryl Duhme
Natural Sci.	Jan Chadwick, Carolyn Heath
Part-time	Jim Book, Roger Perez
Physical Ed.	Tim Byrnes, Pam Lewin
Social Sciences	Gigi Blanche, Bob Byde, Julie Felender
Student Services	
Tech./Engineering	Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Maria Duque
Senate President	Sean Chamberlin
Past-president	
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Sam Foster
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	none

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02P by Dr. Chamberlin.

**II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

M/S/U (Book/Chadwick) to approve the 1-Sep 2011 minutes, with several corrections.

**III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

M/S/U (Snyder/Combs) to approve the agenda for this meeting.

#### IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seidel announced the launch of *La Antorcha*, a student-produced Spanish-language magazine, one of the first in the country. The staff is hosting a launch party on 20-Sep to coincide with Spanish Heritage Month.

Student NOCCCD Trustee Chris Sanchez summarized a letter he and several leaders of student groups and government have signed. The letter is addressed to the Board and asks that it aim for a 5% improvement in math success rates for Latino students. The Board's current goal is 2%.

#### V NEW BUSINESS

##### **Quad re-design**

Three architects from the firm Flewelling and Moody gave an overview of the designs the firm is considering. The budget is \$300,000. Members of the senate offered suggestions, including adding fountains, increasing casual gathering areas, adding shade trees, preserving legacy trees, bringing back the Hornet sculpture, planting drought-resistant species, extending wi-fi coverage, installing electrical outlets, building an amphitheater, increasing safety lights, using solar-powered lights, making some sidewalks diagonal across the quad, enhancing view corridors, abating noise (esp. for 300 classrooms). AS Pres. Duque requested recycling bins and an electronic marquis.

A draft design will soon be on display in the Library. V-P Mike Perez is accepting suggestions.

#### VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **President's Report**

Pres. Chamberlin went through several handouts.

A NOCCCD Social Media Guidelines. The District is drafting these to block inappropriate material from the colleges' Facebook and Twitter pages. Chamberlin encouraged input on the guidelines so far.

B FC Budget and Planning Calendar. The main parts of this for faculty to pay attention to are SLOs and Program Review, both keys to accreditation.

C New safety committee being formed by V-P Mike Perez. Details still being hammered out by Senate exec and President's staff. It will include faculty. The idea is possibly to consolidate several committees that already exist concerning campus safety, threat assessment, and the like.<sup>1</sup>

Next Thursday, 22-Sep, will be the next senate staff development seminar. It will focus on the compressed calendar daily schedule.

##### **Treasurer's Report**

Foster thanked today's snack providers and circulated a sign-up list for the remaining fall meetings.

#### VII CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Combs had no new items to report. Same deadlines announced last meeting still apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Historian's note: The Committee of Public Safety was the governing body that carried out thousands of executions during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, 1793-5. Maybe avoid that name.

## VIII OLD BUSINESS

### **Compressed calendar**

M/S (Costello/Book) to adopt the division deans' proposed daily class schedule.

The senate discussed the schedule and raised many questions about it. Would senate approval of this schedule allow Deans to impose it on their Divisions? Would that violate the UF Contract, which gives departments and divisions discretion to decide when classes begin and end, as long as they comply with state Ed Code requirements for hours of instruction?

Many senators felt the deans' schedule did not coordinate very well three-unit classes with four-unit classes. It would be difficult for a student to take both types and get them back-to-back. One possible solution is to have three different 3.0-unit schedules, starting at 7:00A, 7:30A, and 8:00A. Departments could then choose one.

Many senators felt the afternoon classes started too early (3:30P) and evening classes finished too late (10:10P).

All agreed that 2012-13 will be a trial-run and that the senate should assess how the new schedule works.

M/S/U (Chadwick/Floerke) to table the motion.

### **Priority registration**

Admissions & Records Dean Albert Abutin joined the senate for this discussion. He reported progress on one reform in place this semester—enhanced registration status for first-time students who complete matriculation. They get to register before other new and returning students, but after continuing students. There were 1,337 students who matriculated. Of that number, 945 enrolled in an average of 10.2 units each.

Another recent change is the course repetition policy. As of March 2011 a student can take a course no more than thrice.

Abutin explained some of the priority rules set by Ed Code. The senate asked for the registration schedule and an explanation for how the college determines registration priority. Senators wanted more information about the various groups—veterans, DSS students, returning students, matriculating students—such as which groups get priority status and how many students fall into each group.

The discussion then moved to further reforms, such as counting a student's total units, Ws, Ds, and Fs in such a way that they would lessen the priority status of students showing recidivist behavior (racking up Ws, shopping, failing the same class more than once).

Abutin said he is forming a work-group to develop specific policy recommendations and he will put out a call for volunteers shortly.

## IX NEW BUSINESS

Chamberlin announced a senate task force to look at revising and updating the senate constitution and by-laws. For the next meeting (6-Oct 11), all senators have homework, which is to read the constitution and by-laws. See the senate web page at <http://facultysenate.fullcoll.edu/>.

## X LIAISON REPORTS

### **Associated Students**

Pres. Duque announced that AS will hold an outdoor meeting on the Quad at 12:00P on Tue, 27-Sep. The idea is to encourage more student involvement in AS.

**United Faculty**

Craig reminded the senate that the successor agreement to the contract is up for negotiation. Early indications are that the District wants to re-negotiate SLOs and class-size. It also wants to add faculty participation in SLO assessment to the list of criteria for faculty evaluations.

**Adjunct faculty**

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55P.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Ashenmiller  
Secretary