

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
19-Apr 2012

present, according to sign-in sheet

At-Large	Mike Baker, Dale Craig, Liz Kiszely, Ricardo Salas, Jay Seidel, Pete Snyder
Business/CIS	Nancy Woolridge
Counseling	Laura Almodóvar-Solé, Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	Jaime Perez, Carl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers
Library	Dave Brown
Math/Comp. Sci.	Dana Clahane, Cheryl Duhme
Natural Sci.	Colleen Kvaska, Mary Nolan-Riegle, Karen Robinson
Part-time	Roger Perez
Physical Ed.	Tim Byrnes, 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	Lisa Campbell, VPSS Dr. Terry Giugni, VPI Danielle Fouquette, Worldfest Jodi Balma, Honors Committee

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 (Felender/Kiszely) to approve the 15-Mar 12 minutes with corrections.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Kiszely/Foster) to approve the agenda for this meeting, with certain items moved up to accommodate visitors.

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Craig announced Governor Brown's ballot initiative, in cooperation with the CTA union, to stop further education budget cuts. He passed around petition forms.

Danielle Fouquette reminded faculty about Worldfest on Thu, 26-Sep. It is not too late to participate. Please fill out the form on the Cadena Center/Worldfest website.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report

The Math Department and Pres. Vurdien were not able to agree on a candidate to fill a full-time faculty position. This means that the Department will search again in 2012-2013. According to Board Policy, Pres. Vurdien will now sit on the hiring committee for the new Math instructor. Math & Computer Science Division faculty are extremely displeased with the President's decision not to follow the recommendation of the hiring committee. There was discussion of this in the Senate, which noted that this was the first full-time faculty hiring presided over by Pres. Vurdien. Senators also felt that all parties seemed to follow the procedure correctly in this case.

Wilson wanted to dispel rumors that the money being spent on Centennial events and art installations is being withdrawn from the extended day budget or the apportionment for classes. The Centennial has separate funding sources. The same is true for new construction projects.

At the last meeting, Wilson informed the Senators of a questionable-sounding proposal for a District video surveillance policy. So far, the proposal has gone nowhere in the District Coordinating Council.

Wilson gave out four tickets to the Men and Women of Distinction dinner.

The District is assenting to a request from Associated Students to study the allocation of funding to Disabled Student Services.

At the recent Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board passed a resolution of teacher appreciation, approved an extension for a four-year contract for the Chancellor, approved an extension for a three-year contract for the FC president, and heard a joint presentation from Cypress and the School of Continuing Education on new program that has had success in Basic Skills Math. Students in Math 10 and 15 have been attending an open lab instead of a traditional class. They then pass an exit exam in order to enroll in Math 20.

On a related note, the District Consultative Council acted to clarify the relationship between Basic Skills classes and non-credit classes in the District Master Plan.

The Vice-President of Instruction provided the Senators a list of all faculty members currently receiving re-assigned time. The list circulated during the meeting.

There was a campus technology forum last week, attended by five faculty members.

VI OLD BUSINESS

Priority Registration

Across the District, there has been much recent activity on this. Most Senators agree that the system should be reformed to thwart “repeat offenders,” students with high priority because of a high number of past units who enroll in classes but never finish them or who fail many classes, which crowds out new students. An FC faculty work group led by Clahane has been communicating with a similar group at Cypress and developed a proposal. It’s basic thrust would put legally mandated groups in the highest priority group (DSPPS, veterans, foster children), followed by EOPS students, followed by students in good academic standing with a high pass rate, followed by new students.

There was much discussion about this. First, Senators agreed that athletes needed to be explicitly included in the list because they need to enroll in 12.0 units per semester to maintain athletic eligibility.

Second, there was discussion of what the term “good academic standing” means. Does it exclude all students who do not qualify for the second group? Does the new policy impede a student from outrunning his or her own wayward history? Is there now a category for “bad academic standing”?

Third, does the proposed reform harm students in high-unit majors, such as the Police Academy and Cosmetology? Does it also hurt students who spend a lot of time taking Basic Skills classes, piling up units before they take classes for their major?

Senators decided to support the Cypress proposal with an amendment so that both campuses will forward a similar proposal to the District work group.

M/S/P (Foster/Combs) to support the Cypress priority registration proposal, with an amendment to include athletes in the second priority position. Passed with two nays, one abstention.

VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont’d.)

Treasurer’s report

No Senators were thanked because nobody brought any snacks or beverages. There was some confusion about the schedule.

To clarify, at the 3-May meeting, Miranda will provide water, Brown juice/soda, Costello healthy snacks, Jaime Perez unhealthy snacks.

At the 17-May meeting, Ashenmiller will provide soda/juice, Blanche unhealthy snacks.

VIII CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT (authored by Combs)

1) FC has proposed 14 new transfer degrees for 2012.

11 have been approved by DCCC, 3 more will go to DCCC 5/4. Next step is Board of Trustees approval and faculty need to complete the applications for state approval ASAP. Hopefully, applications submitted in April/May will be state approved by June/July. Assuming they are state approved, FC students will be able to earn these degrees in Fall 2012.

CSU has announced they are only accepting transfer applications for Spring 2013 at some campuses, and that they will only accept students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T

degree. So, these degrees are extremely important for students who want to transfer to CSU for Spring 2013.

2) The Board of Governors is considering changes to rules regarding repeatability of courses and could vote to approve as soon as July 2012, or sometime after that. It seems clear the rules will change but the exact details are still being discussed. The Curriculum Committee will work with faculty to develop new courses as needed in time to meet whatever deadline is set by the BOG. Rumor has it that we will have 2-3 years to develop multiple levels of courses where these are needed for student learning goals. Combs will have an update early in the fall semester.

3) To meet accreditation standards, VPI Terry Giugni is working with SLOA coordinators and their faculty on the development and assessment of Program Level SLOs and SLOAs.

To aid faculty who are working on this, the Curriculum Committee has recommended a standard format for Program Level SLOs (=PSLOs) to parallel the Senate approved format we use for course level SLOs and a set of assessment methods recommended by the SLOA Best Practices Handbook. The Committee would like Senate endorsement of these recommendations.

A) Format:

Upon the successful completion of courses leading to (insert program title), the student will be able to (insert measurable verb and description).

Alternative formats may be accepted but must be approved by the Curriculum Committee. The Committee trusts discipline faculty to identify the key learning expectations for their students. Our criteria are that it makes sense and it is MEASURABLE (that is the tricky part with PSLOs).

B) The Committee recommend the use of the same assessment methods endorsed by the SLOA committee for assessment of course level SLOs, which includes “other” as an option to allow faculty to describe an alternative method. Again, the Committee is simply checking to see that the method seems reasonable and doable.

The current “fast-track” process for approving PSLOs/PSLOAs is the same as the process for approving course level SLOs/SLOAs. Spreadsheets listing SLOs/SLOAs for each discipline are developed and approved by discipline faculty and their Division Dean, then presented to the Curriculum Committee for approval and entered into CurricUNET.

In the future, faculty will use the minor revision process to update SLOs/SLOAs when this is needed outside of Six-Year Review.

4) DCCC discussed specific suggestions for modification of the Class-Size Planning and Resource Document. The idea is to revise some categories and to add others to try and make the document more useful. Initial suggestions were compiled and emailed to

Curriculum Reps to share with their faculty. If you have suggestions, please email them to Jennifer Combs and cc Rachel Roschel and Terry Giugni. We will take input through May 1st and then share these responses at the 5/4 DCCC meeting. This conversation will continue in the fall and the Committee will keep you apprised. (End of report.)

It was the sense of the Senate to support the Curriculum Committee's recommendations for program-level SLOs.

There was much discussion among the Senators about the class-size planning document. The Contract says that class size is determined by the campus curriculum approval process. The Chancellor has said that he wants the District Curriculum Coordinating Council to set class sizes. Previous Faculty Senate presidents have objected to this. The District has advanced class size as a Contract negotiation re-opener.

IX ELECTIONS

The Senate is seeking candidates for three positions with 3.0 units of re-assigned time: Campus SLO Coordinator, Program Review Committee Chair and Staff Development Coordinator. The Senate still seeks a faculty member to serve on the District Technology Committee.

Other election results

District Priority Registration Work Group: Dana Clahane.
Institutional Effectiveness Coordinating Council: Bob Byde.

Graduation officials

Marshals: Colleen Kvaska (one more needed).
Readers: Ricardo Salas, Jaime Perez (two more needed).

X OLD BUSINESS (cont'd.)

Budget

The campus has a draft of the new budget timeline.
FC has a new Total Cost of Ownership plan ready to show the Accreditation team.
At Monday's District budget meeting, there will be a vote on whether to "cash in" full-time faculty vacancies. This is a way to reduce deficits on paper, but it runs the risk of eliminating these positions altogether. It was the sense of the Senate to support Pres. Wilson's proposal that all vacancies continue to receive backfill funding so that departments can hire adjunct faculty to teach those courses.

Accreditation visit

Starts Monday.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Honors Committee Restructuring

In a coincidental parallel to how Board of Trustees elections recently changed, there is a proposal to switch from the current at-large method (Committee members can come from any division) to a system in which each division gets one representative on the Committee. Chair Jodi Balma informed the Senate that there are currently no representatives from Natural Sciences or Technology and Engineering, even though those divisions have many honors students. The Senate discussed adding a use-it-or-lose-it provision. In other words, if a division does not send a representative to the Honors Committee, then another division can fill that position with a rep.

M/S/U (Blanche/Nolan-Riegle) to adopt the Honors Committee divisional representation plan, in which the Senate will elect a rep from each division, with any open position becoming an at-large position.

Program Review Committee Report

It was the sense of the Senate to forward the report as written to the President's Advisory Committee, which meets Wed, 25-Apr, 2:00P.

X **LIAISON REPORTS**
 Associated Students
 No report.

United Faculty
 No report.

Adjunct faculty
 No report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05P.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
Secretary