

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
1-Dec 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	Jaime Perez, Carl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Jeanne Costello
Library	Dave Brown
Math/Comp. Sci.	Dana Clahane, Cheryl Duhme
Natural Sci.	Carolyn Heath, Mary Nolan-Riegle
Part-time	Jim Book, Roger Perez, Jose Zavaleta
Physical Ed.	Tim Byrnes
Social Sciences	Gigi Blanche, Bob Bye
Student Services	vacant
Tech./Engineering	Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Maria Duque
Senate President	Sean Chamberlin
Past-president	Marcus Wilson
Curriculum Council	absent
Treasurer	Sam Foster
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	Dr. Terry Giugni

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03P by Dr. Chamberlin.

II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/P (Book/Nolan-Riegle) to approve the 17-Nov 11 minutes with corrections.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Wilson/Book) to approve the agenda for this meeting.

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Outgoing Director of Staff Development Nancy Ikeda announced that the new interim SD director will be Alex Plum-Widner. She also reported on current SD issues: 1) there is no Flex Day of scheduled activities for the Spring 2012 semester, 2) SD has distributed all available travel and professional development funds for the 2011-12 year, and 3) the SD founding document from 1983 is a little vague. Who gets to decide how to spend SD funds? Is SD an advisory committee or an action committee? The document is not clear

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report

The Fullerton College Food Bank has been the subject of much discussion recently. It is currently located in a leased portable classroom, 1955. But the terms of the lease specify that 1955 should only be used for instruction. Therefore, the FCFB must move, but where? Many senators expressed support for continuing the FCFB and some even offered their offices as temporary storage space until a new space can be found. The Senate Exec will help the College find a new location.

Pres. Chamberlin noticed a recent email announcement that the School of Continuing Ed. is hiring two new administrators, in contrast to the College's denied request to fill two division dean vacancies.

The statewide Student Success Task Force is making revisions to its report. The NOCCCD Board passed a resolution asking for a delay in the Task Force's recommendations. The FC Faculty Senate supported the Board on this.

The 16-Week Calendar Supercommittee has decided that each division has the discretion to come up with a daily class schedule that best meets its academic needs. Guidelines are coming soon from V-P of Instruction.

The DPC is working on the final wording of the Program Discontinuance Policy, which is an accreditation requirement. The process will include on-campus vetting of any identified program, and no program will be discontinued without the approval of the Faculty Senate. It was the sense of the Senate to continue developing the PD policy.

The Board of Trustees met for the first time since the FC Faculty Senate rejected the Comprehensive Master Plan. At the Board meeting, the Chancellor defended the Plan as collegial and well-vetted. The Board will vote on whether or not to approve the Plan at its 13-Dec meeting. The Board already voted to extend the contract of the consultant who wrote the Plan. The Student Trustee voted against the extension. The final version of the Plan comes out tomorrow, 2-Dec 11. Some Board members have expressed concern that the controversy surrounding the Plan could have a negative impact on accreditation.

Recent PAC activities: 1) There is a proposal to establish an Enrollment Management Committee that would oversee registration issues, such as priority reg. The Faculty Senate is seeking a way to have more input on class-cutting decisions. 2) The Student Success Committee will meet monthly on the first Monday, 3:00-4:00P. Call for nominations forthcoming.

The Joint Fullerton/Cypress Faculty Senate meeting will be Thursday, 19-Jan 2012 in the 200 Building, catering provided by United Faculty.

The Senate Exec is still trying to nail down a date in January or early February for a Senate Retreat.

Treasurer's report

Refreshments sign-up sheet for Spring 2012 meetings circulated. Today's volunteer caterers Craig, R. Perez, Salas, and Woolridge were thanked.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Senate Pres. Chamberlin reported that a question has come up at the DCCC (the District curriculum committee) about class-size. A few comparable courses have different class sizes at Fullerton and Cypress.

Combs reported that this has been an ongoing issue for the FC Curriculum Committee. The latest suggestion is to expand the Class Size Planning & Resource Document, which gives faculty members guidelines for entering class-size in Curricunet. Faculty members were reluctant to approve the CSPRD in the first place because it only allows a certain set class sizes. For example, it has no option for a 40-student class. You have to choose 35 or 45. Combs suggested that the DCCC clearly identify specific issues about Fullerton College class sizes. This will be on the agenda of the DCCC meeting on Friday, 2-Dec 2012. Any proposal to change the CSPRD will have to be approved by the Curriculum Committee and all three District faculty senates.

VII OLD BUSINESS

Priority Registration Task Force

Clahane reported on two reforms that the Task Force is considering, and asked for the sense of the Senate on whether or not to proceed.

1-Moving the withdraw deadline from 75% of the term to 60% of the term. There was much discussion of the earlier withdrawal date. Would this harm students by denying them the ability to drop a course once they realize they will most likely get an F? Senators disagreed over this issue, but it was the sense of the Senate that the Task Force should continue to explore the impacts such a policy change would have.

2-Making the rules for priority registration consistent with Federal Financial Aid guidelines. This change would gradually increase the percentage of course units a student must complete in order to qualify for priority reg. In 2012-13, a student would have to complete 60% of his or her units. In 2013-14, 70%. In 2014-15, 75%, which is the Federal standard. The unanimous sense of the Senate was to move forward with this reform.

In the spring semester the PRTF will investigate other possible changes to registration, such as giving Honors students priority and counting AP course credit toward a student's registration status.

Program Review Committee

Chadwick explained that the Committee has been writing and re-writing the rubric it will use to evaluate the review reports that all academic programs are currently submitting. Because the rubric is a work-in-progress, it was not available earlier this semester, when programs were starting to write their reports. There have been charges that this makes the process unfair. Program reviews will lead to budget decisions, and if programs do not know the criteria the committee will use to evaluate their reports, they might miss out on the chance to gain funding for new initiatives.

Pres. Chamberlin added that the rubrics and the reports themselves have been reinvented, so everyone is learning the process by doing it. We had to start the planning-budgeting cycle somewhere, and we started with academic program review. He also added that the Planning Budget Steering Committee will be making more funds available in the spring. Originally, the PBSC had set aside \$100K for division action plans this semester, and \$100K for program reviews in the spring semester. PBSC will reduce the action plan money to \$35K and increase the program review money to \$165K.

District Decision Making Manual

The Board of Trustees will vote on this at its 24-Jan 2012 meeting. Pres. Chamberlin has written a letter to the Board suggesting an alternative to the Manual, which envisions four new District-level consultation councils. The letter argues that these new bodies will impede rather than improve communication among the colleges and the District. Even though each council will have faculty representatives, the mere fact that there are four councils will overtax the ability of the faculty to find volunteers who are interested and available. Chamberlin suggests ways to reform the DPC as an alternative to having four new councils. It was the unanimous sense of the Senate to support the letter.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No time for new business.

IX LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

AS has been keeping track of the Board of Governors, who seem to be leaning toward adopting many of the reforms proposed by the State Student Success Task Force. AS representatives are concerned about the effects of these reforms, especially the reform that would move Basic Skills courses to the School of Continuing Education. Students will have a difficult time qualifying for Financial Aid for SCE courses.

AS is listening to the concerns students have about the new 16-week calendar, which they fear may require certain lab science classes to meet five days a week.

The AS Thanksgiving food drive saw a decrease in donations this year, mostly due to the loss of several corporate sponsors.

United Faculty

UF is working on topics for the 19-Jan 2012 joint senates meeting: student success and accreditation are likely.

Adjunct faculty

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07P.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
Secretary