

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
3-Nov 2011

present, according to sign-in sheet

At-Large	Mike Baker, Dale Craig, Liz Kiszely, Jay Seidel, Pete Snyder
Business/CIS	Paul St. John
Counseling	Laura Almodóvar-Solé, Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	none
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 Bye, Julie Felender
Student Services	vacant
Tech./Engineering	Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Maria Duque
Senate President	Sean Chamberlin
Past-president	Marcus Wilson
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Sam Foster
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	Ines Beilke

I CALL TO ORDER

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

II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Wilson/Book) to approve the 6-Oct 11 minutes, with corrections.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCE Instructor Terry Cristiano from the Wood Technology Program informed the Senate about his program's recent cancellation by the College.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report

The FC Senate President is working with the Cypress Faculty Senate executives on an agenda and date for the annual joint meeting before spring semester classes start, possibly Thursday, January 19, 2012. (Classes start Monday, January 23, 2012.) The annual FC Faculty Senate retreat has been proposed for the Friday of the first week of spring classes, January 28, 2012.

On Thursday, November 10, 2011, from 3:00-5:00P in the faculty lounge, a group of educators from the Anaheim high school district will offer a workshop on classroom strategies for increasing academic literacy and explain the success they have had in narrowing the achievement gap. All FC faculty members are encouraged to attend.

Following the recent announcement by PBSC of \$100K to fund the 2011-2012 action plans, some faculty members expressed concerns that when they wrote those plans they did not realize funds were available. More attention would have been paid to resources needed and measureable outcomes. Senators asked if the distribution could wait until the spring and be combined with the \$100K for requests coming from program review. Chamberlin explained that the planning cycle for this academic year will be slightly imperfect, with division plans coming before program review, but it was a necessary consequence of beginning the accreditation-mandated, multi-year planning cycle *in medias res*. The PBSC's main criteria are: does the request fulfill the college goals, and does it have measurable outcomes? Chamberlin will ask the PBSC to consider a delay in funding.

Although President Vurdien made a persistent appeal, the Chancellor's Staff denied the College permission to hire both a Director of Information Technology (formerly held by Nilo Niccolai) and a Director of Grants, Workforce and Economic Development (a new position made available by elimination of the Dean of Academic Services). Chancellor's Staff gave no rationale other than worries about the budget situation. Much discussion ensued about the immediate challenges of managing a million dollar IT implementation without a permanent director.

In a related matter, permission was also denied to begin a search for permanent deans of Physical Education and Natural Sciences until the State's January Budget Revision. Of the four just-mentioned vacancies, three have been budgeted positions for years. The fourth position was created as part of the college reorganization effort commenced a year ago by mutual agreement of the President and Senate Exec. It was the Sense of the Senate that the Senate Exec will protest these hiring delays and cancellations with a resolution, which will be on the agenda of the 17-Nov Senate meeting. If passed it will go to the NOCCCD Board.

Treasurer's report

No report.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

VII ELECTIONS

Election results

Staff Development Coordinator Ad Hoc Hiring Committee: Sandro Corsi, Michael Mangan.
Honors Program Coordinator Ad Hoc Hiring Committee: Julie Felender, Liz Kizsely.
Staff Development Committee Faculty Representative: Marianna Jagodina
Facilities and Safety Committee Faculty Representative: Guy Dadson, Scott Giles.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

Priority Registration Task Force

The Task Force had its first meeting and came up with several pages of possible reforms to the existing system. After much discussion, the Senate recommended that the Task Force continue to investigate reforms, and in particular to report on the consequences these three reforms would have on students:

- 1) The current rule states that students must complete 50% of their classes in order to maintain their registration status. What would be the consequences of a moving this percentage to a higher number?
- 2) The current drop-date deadline to avoid a W on the transcript comes in 14th week of a 17.5-week semester. What would be the consequences of making that date arrive earlier in the semester, which will soon be 16-week?
- 3) The current system for assigning priority does not take into account a student's success rate in his or her past classes. What would be the consequences of moving to a system that rewarded students who have a better success rate?

It was the Sense of the Senate for the Task Force to keep working on these questions and try to determine where faculty members seem to have areas of consensus.

Comprehensive Master Plan

The deadline for final comments on the Plan approaches. The Senate President has been invited to meet on November 16, 2011, with the consultants who wrote the Plan. At its December 13, 2011 meeting, the NOCCCD Board may vote to approve the Plan.

Chamberlin circulated a two-page resolution that lists faculty objections to the Plan and a proposal for colleges *sans* consultants to complete the Plan by Spring 2013. The resolution would make the Senate's approval contingent on several changes to the Plan.

M/S (Wilson/Book) to adopt Chamberlin's resolution.

Much heated discussion ensued. One strong recommendation was to reject the Plan categorically because of its flawed, top-down process and lack of vetting with the appropriate college constituents. Even when comments were submitted, they did not appear in revised versions of the plan. In some cases, revised versions reversed previous edits such that parts of the original wording reappeared.

There were numerous other proposals about how to proceed. Having a Plan is a statutory mandate. Rejection of the Plan could make it difficult for the College to get off accreditation warning. It could also jeopardize the College's place in the State facilities funding queue. Some argued that it made sense to reject strongly the top-down process from which the current Plan emerged, but agree to accept the Plan with modifications. Some suggested that the FC Faculty call for an audit of how the consultants wrote the Plan so that these mistakes don't happen next time.

The suggested remedy was to write a bottom-up educational master plan based on the findings of Fall 2011 program reviews and limit the facilities plan to critical needs. Various senators considered the two options and found persuasive arguments on each side. The discussion elaborated on options but agreement was not reached on any one option.

The resolution was tabled pending further discussion of Senators with their divisions.

IX NEW BUSINESS

Senate Student Success Task Force

The Task Force was assembled by California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott, and it issued a draft report this week. The draft report is on the agenda for the 8-Nov NOCCCD Board meeting. Already Chamberlin has received responses to the draft report from the PE Division and Journalism Department concerning restrictions on repeatability. The Task Force makes several recommendations for reforming community colleges, including: 1) standardizing counseling and placement practices (and software) statewide, 2) keeping better track of students as they move through CCs, Cal States, UCs, and private institutions, and 3) encouraging students to define their education goals earlier by developing clear pathways that will minimize enrollments in courses they do not need.

Objections from FC faculty to the draft report have already reached the Senate. The primary one is that such reforms would make it more difficult for underprepared students to succeed by directing more resources toward students who have solid academic preparation and well-defined goals.

The full draft report, and a comment and response area, are available on the State Chancellor's website.

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>

X LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

AS collected 1,200 student surveys on the 16-week daily schedule and is now compiling the results.

United Faculty

The union is in the middle of contract re-opener negotiations with the District, which wants to make SLO assessment part of the faculty evaluation process—not the assessment results, but the faculty member's participation in the process.

Adjunct faculty

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00P.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
Secretary