

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
6-Oct 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, Karl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Jeanne Costello, Brandon Floerke
Library	Dave Brown
Math/Comp. Sci.	Dana Clahane, Cheryl Duhme, Nancy Ikeda
Natural Sci.	Jan Chadwick, Carolyn Heath, Mary Nolan-Riegle
Part-time	Jim Book, Roger Perez
Physical Ed.	Pam Lewin
Social Sciences	Gigi Blanche, Bob Bye, Julie Felender
Student Services	
Tech./Engineering	Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Maria Duque
Senate President	Sean Chamberlin
Past-president	Marcus Wilson
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Sam Foster (arrived at 4:00P)
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	none

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/U (Wilson/Combs) to approve the 15-Sep 11 minutes, with corrections.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chadwick informed the Senate that the new Chemical Hygiene Officer (who oversees Chemistry lab procedures) is a Cypress College dean. She wanted to know if such a cross-campus administrator position has any precedent.

Nolan-Riegle said that the current Biology Hygiene Officer is a lab-tech.

Miranda reported that Tech/Engineering faculty members are upset at the college's decision to close the Woodshop Dept.

Salas warned that the tiles in front of the Library got very slippery during this week's rain. The tiles could pose a liability threat. Heath added that the builders were told about this when the library first opened.

Ikeda announced Staff Development's first Evening Luminaries event, a public lecture by Economics Prof. Frances Mummery about the U.S. economy's eventful last few years.

Book announced the performance of "Pride and Prejudice" next Wed-Sat in the Campus Theater.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report

The final version of the Educational Master Plan is due from the consultants tomorrow. The Senate will host an open discussion of the EMP next Thursday, 13-Oct, and the full Senate will discuss the EMP at its 20-Oct meeting. This will likely be the last time for faculty to have a meaningful impact on the Plan. Chamberlin urged all senators to read it. See if the facilities plans match the college's future needs.

Chamberlin reported on what has been happening in the Decision Making Manual Work Group, formed this year to get the District off warning with the accrediting bodies. He expected the Group to produce a descriptive document that explains how decision-making happens within the District. Instead, the first draft of the manual is prescriptive, apparently reflecting how the District would like decision-making to happen. Senators discussed this development at length and expressed a concern that the District was using accreditation warning as a way to force major structural reforms that erode the autonomy of the colleges.

The Planning and Budget Steering Committee has formally requested that the college fill four vacant administrative positions: Dean of PE, Dean of Nat. Sci., Director of Grants, Economic and Workforce Development, and Director of Instructional Technology. The PBSC is also finalizing budget carryover amounts to determine levels of potential funding for the divisions' recently-submitted action plans, and on the forthcoming program reviews.

Division Deans presented their list of critical faculty vacancies-to-fill to the Faculty Allocation Committee (FAC). The FAC met and discussed the positions and submitted their rankings to the President. The college president will make the final list and submit it to Chancellor's Staff.

Because of an incident that happened in a field course last week, Chamberlin reminded all instructors that although medical marijuana is legal in California, federal law still considers it illegal.

Treasurer's report

Foster was still en route from a doctor's appt. The Senate Exec thanked all food and beverage volunteers.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

The District recently asked the CC for a complete report on maximum class sizes for all FC courses. Combs reminded senators that class size is one of the union contract items the District plans to negotiate.

The college's CurricuNet wizard, Rachel Roschel, is temporarily working half-time due to medical reasons. As a result, the CC is attending mostly to course proposals that are close to the catalog deadline. If your course is not among these, it might be a few weeks before she can respond to your requests.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

Priority registration

The District Priority Registration Subcommittee is meeting in Anaheim on 19-Oct, 1:00-3:00P. Kiszely and Ouchi volunteered to attend.

M/S/U (Craig/Book) that the Senate create college-level task force to examine the current priority registration system and make recommendations for improvements.

Clahane will lead the Task Force on Priority Registration, which will meet Thu, 27-Oct 11 at 3:00P in the Faculty Lounge.

Compressed calendar

At the 16-Sep meeting, the senate tabled the following motion:

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

Much has happened since then. Several senators came up with a modified version of the deans' schedule, which allows departments to start classes at 7:00A, 7:30A, or 8:00A. Most senators agreed that the modified deans' schedule provides enough flexibility for departments that offer classes other than 3.0 or 4.0 units.

On the other hand, District officials told Pres. Vurdien that they expect all departments at Fullerton and Cypress to follow an identical daily schedule with campus-wide passing periods at 11:30A, 3:00P, and 6:45P. There was discussion among the senators, who vastly preferred the modified deans' schedule.

The Senate voted unanimously to amend and approve the tabled motion, as modified below.

M/S/U (Costello/Book w/ amendment by Wilson) to endorse the modified deans' schedule with staggered start times and with the understanding that divisions can make reasonable exceptions to it.

Senators felt unanimously that the modified deans' daily schedule best serves students and efficiently uses classroom and instructor resources. Senators involved with UF also pointed out that UF considers the District's proposed schedule a violation of Article IV of the contract. The Senate passed the following resolution unanimously.

M/S/U (Costello/Byde) to reject categorically the District's proposed daily schedule because it would fall short of student needs and would be an inefficient use of campus resources.

Chamberlin thanked the Senate for their collegial efforts in collaborating with the deans and VPI over the last two months to produce a class schedule that addresses faculty's concerns and meets the needs of students.

Senate Constitution/Bylaws

The Senate passed the following resolution unanimously.

M/S/U (Wilson/Floerke) to form a committee to review the current Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws and report to the Senate on specific recommendations for changes.

IX NEW BUSINESS

Staff Development Coordinator

In May 2007 the Senate passed a resolution that would increase the coordinator's release time to 50%. Staff Development has had unstable funding recently, resulting in varying amounts of coordinator release-time from year to year. There was much discussion about reassigned time and the extended day budget. Senators who have been involved with Staff Development endorsed an increased, predictable release time. The Senate did not vote on the issue, but supported the Senate president's efforts to secure realistic funding for this position.

Summer schedule

This Monday DPC will discuss the summer 2012 class offerings, which will likely be equal to or fewer than summer 2011 class offerings. The senate's executive officers favor identifying courses that are appropriate for a five-week term and courses that have high success rates so that the college can get the most bang for its summer-session buck, however few bucks there may be.

IX ELECTIONS

Long-time adjunct faculty representative Jim Book will no longer be able to serve on the Senate due to a new District rule that prohibits classified employees from also teaching as adjunct instructors.

Jose Zavaleta was elected adjunct faculty representative.

Rosalinda Ruiz was elected to the Student Equity Committee.

M/S/U (Carrithers/Floerke) to commend Jim Book for his 28 years of service on the senate, representing adjunct faculty.

X LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

Pres. Duque said that AS is conducting a survey of students about the various 16-week daily schedule options, one of which is the senate's preferred option (the modified deans' schedule).

United Faculty

UF is sending ballots to faculty for an election to fill open Board seats.

The UF Board took an official position on SLOs. It considers SLOs and SLO assessment to be part of the curricular process. The college and the District SLO cannot centralize data and SLO assessment results and cannot use the results for faculty

evaluations. The college should only use SLOs for curriculum improvement. SLO assessment result for courses with single instructors can be included in program-level learning outcomes (PLOs) in order to protect the anonymity of the instructors.

Adjunct faculty

In the words of the immortal Jim Book, there was “no report.”

The meeting adjourned at 5:05P.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Ashenmiller
Secretary