

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
3 April 2014

present, according to sign-in sheet

At-Large	Bill Cowieson, Dale Craig, Julie Felender, Diana Kyle, Laura Melella, Pete Snyder
Business/CIS	Ming Scott
Counseling	Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	Jaime Perez, Carl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Jeanne Costello, Angela Henderson, Kim Orlijan
Library	Jane Ishibashi
Math/Comp. Sci.	Nancy Ikeda, Linda Shideler
Natural Sci.	Mike Baker, Jan Chadwick
Part-time	
Physical Ed.	Tim Byrnes, Pam Lewin
Social Sciences	Robert Byde
Student Services	vacant
Tech./Engineering	Peg Donahoe
Associated Students	Alex Trigueros
Senate President	Sam Foster
Past-president	Rolando Sanabria
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Mary Nolan-Riegle
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	Savannah Jones, Vice President of Instruction Matt Taylor, Technology Committee co-chair

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05P by Pres. Sam Foster.

II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Byde/Costello) to approve the 20-Mar 14 minutes.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Combs/Nolan-Riegle) to approve the agenda for this meeting.

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report, Sam Foster

NOCCD Board meeting, 24-Mar 14: There was a strategic conversation around four published papers on student success. Sam found the discussion of these papers to be fruitful, as did Jeanne Costello and Jan Chadwick, who also attended. Basing the strategic conversations around common readings seems to make the meetings more focused and productive.

Planning and Budgeting Steering Committee: The current projection is that the District is going to be 2,540 FTES over the cap, which is 7.6% above our state allocation for this year. (By comparison, last year we were 0.27% over cap.) One of the reasons this year's number is so high is that we added many classes to the 2013 summer session. Pres. Vurdien has requested that in planning for 2014-15, we use a target that is 5% over the FTES cap. Senators asked many questions about this, mostly: Why does this number fluctuate so much?

Budget: The State has projected that our District will have a 2013-14 deficit of \$6.7M. In other words, state-level revenue shortfalls will mean the State will pay the District less than they promised. This sounds dire, but the same thing happened at this tie last year. There was a \$5M deficit projection for the 2012-3 budget, but by the end of the year the deficit turned out to be only a few \$100K. The State often hedges its bet by making a larger deficit projection than it ends up being. Our District is not in trouble. It is currently operating with a \$3.1M surplus.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Nolan-Riegle thanked Mike Baker, Tim Byrnes, Nancy Ikeda and Jaime Perez for providing food and beverage.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT, Jennifer Combs

No report.

VII PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT, Jan Chadwick

The PRC has approved several new templates and writer's guides. The PRC will also provide self-study writers with the evaluation rubric used by self-study readers. Please look

at these on the PRC's website in preparation for academic program self-studies this coming fall. <http://programreview.fullcoll.edu/>

There is a now \$1.3M available in equipment funds. PBSC asked the PRC to make a form so that academic programs can make resource requests that are tied to the goals they stated in the last round of self-studies. (Due to the budget calendar, this money won't available for the self-studies that academic programs will be writing in the coming fall.) Jan will bring a draft of this new form to the next Senate meeting, 1-May 14. There was some discussion about whether the self-studies from two-and-a-half years ago are too stale to use in this way. Jan said the form will be flexible, to allow for new developments since Fall 2011. The Senate commended the PRC for acting quickly to make sure these funds are used fairly and wisely.

VIII INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT, Diana Kyle

IREC is working on its reports on the planning process, the program review process, and the SLOA process. These reports will make sure that the College is "closing the loop" on institutional research.

Please give all faculty members a gentle reminder that all research proposals, even classroom research proposals, need to go through the Institutional Research Board, which is part of IREC.

IX ELECTIONS

Committee chairs: Please send Rolando Sanabria a list of positions on your committees that need to be filled before the fall semester.

Marshalls for Commencement, Fri, 23-May 14. **Jan Chadwick, Diana Kyle, Mary Nolan-Riegle.**

Volunteer to substitute for Pete Snyder at the Fri, 11-Apr 14 District Strategic Plan Work Group: **Jan Chadwick.**

X OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of motion from 20-Mar 14 meeting

The Senate discussed whether to carry out its motion to write a letter to the Board of Trustees and the Faculty. The letter would express the Senate's objections to the recent email survey, which was designed by the consulting firm hired by the District to manage a new bond measure. Many faculty members felt that the wording of the emailed survey was deceptive, and that it would be used to misrepresent faculty members' attitudes—namely, that they overwhelmingly support putting a bond on the ballot.

The Senate had a long discussion of this. The Senators agreed that they still had all the same objections, but decided on a slightly modified response.

M/S/U (Costello/Nolan-Riegle) to supersede the motion from the 20-Mar 14 Senate meeting found on page 3 of that meeting's minutes. The Senate executives will compose a letter stating the Senate's concerns about the survey. They will communicate those

concerns to the Chancellor, and ask for a written response indicating that he is formally withdrawing the survey. We will need the response by 23-Apr 14. If there is no response by that date, the Senate will vote at its next meeting (1-May 14) to send the letter to the Board of Trustees and the Fullerton College Faculty.

XI NEW BUSINESS

College Technology Committee update

(This happened during the president's report.)

Matt Taylor, co-chair of the Technology Committee reported on the progress of writing a college technology plan. The committee getting ready to process and report on the results of the EduCause technology survey. There were 104 faculty respondents. The deadline for students to complete the survey is April 14th. (Please encourage all students to do so.) EduCause will also provide comparisons of FC's survey responses to those of other campuses. The Committee is informally doing its own survey of classified staff because EduCause does not have survey form specifically for staff. The results will available in June.

The EduCause results will help the Committee to write a college technology plan. Two major issues will appear in the plan. 1) It will call for an annual budget item for maintenance and repair of technology, instead of doing it through emergency funds and one-time purchases. The plan will make recommendations for allocating those funds. 2) The Plan will call for the College to fill the position of ACT director. There is currently no manager to speak about technology issues at District meetings.

SB 850: Bachelor's degrees at community colleges

There are two resolutions before the State Academic Senate. One endorses SB 850, the other urges more study on the issue. Many Districts have been putting pressure on their faculty senates to support the bill, which will allow community colleges to offer 4-year degrees. (Nursing was one of the examples given.)

The Senate discussed whether to support the resolutions. It was the sense of the Senate to support the motion (13.01) that calls for a feasibility study and an environmental scan (more study), but not to support the other resolution (13.02) that supports the bill outright.

Important resolutions for the State Academic Senate

1-(5.02) To re-evaluate how the FON is determined, in order to hire more full-time faculty. The resolution seemed to be misplaced. We need more full-time instructors to get closer to the 75/25 ratio. Maybe re-word the resolution to say that, instead of monkeying with the FON. It was the sense of the Senate not to support this one.

2-(18.01) To modify IGETC for high-unit majors. The resolution would decrease the number of GE units required for transfer. It was the sense of the Senate that this one was okay.

3-(2.01) To allow colleges to seek accreditation from any federally-approved accrediting agencies. It was the sense of the Senate to support this one.

4-(12.02) More funding for staff development. It used to be a line-item in the State budget, but it got cut in the latest round of austerity measures. It was the sense of the Senate to support this one.

Operational practices of Faculty Senate committees

Tabled until 1-May 14 meeting.

XII LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

Alex Trigueros reported that AS elections are next week. Please encourage students to vote.

United Faculty

UF is also holding elections. The nomination forms are due tomorrow, 4-Apr 14. UF still needs nominees for area reps, site reps, and officers. It will be necessary to fill all these positions so that UF can negotiate for comparability next year.

At Cypress College there is a grievance that college administrators are making additions to personnel files based on emails and activities of faculty members when they are off campus.

Adjunct faculty

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09P.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
secretary