

FULLERTON COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
approved minutes
5 December 2013¹

present, according to sign-in sheet

At-Large	Gigi Blanche, Bill Cowieson, Dale Craig, Diana Kyle, Laura Melella
Business/CIS	Ming Scott, Marcus Wilson
Counseling	Bryan Ouchi
Fine Arts	Carl Stanaway
Humanities	Joe Carrithers, Jeanne Costello, Angela Henderson, Tamara Trujillo
Library	Jane Ishibashi
Math/Comp. Sci.	Nancy Ikeda, Linda Shideler
Natural Sci.	Mike Baker, Jan Chadwick, Ben Crowell
Part-time	Rachel Coleman
Physical Ed.	Tim Byrnes (12-0)
Social Sciences	Leonor Cadena, Jeff Vanderpool
Student Services	vacant
Tech./Engineering	Peg Donahoe, Jose Miranda
Associated Students	Joey Victor
Senate President	Sam Foster
Past-president	Rolando Sanabria
Curriculum Council	Jennifer Combs
Treasurer	Mary Nolan-Riegle
Secretary	Josh Ashenmiller
Guests	Dr. Toni DuBois, FC VPSS Dr. Terry Giugni, FC VPI

¹ R.I.P. Nelson Mandela (1918-2013).

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06P by Pres. Sam Foster.

II APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Craig/Combs) to approve the 21-Nov 13 minutes, with minor revisions.

III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcus Wilson applauded the undefeated football team, which is playing in the state title game next weekend, for the first time since 1963.

Football Coach Tim Byrnes asked instructors to be flexible with players if there is a final exam scheduled Thu, 12-Dec or Fri, 13-Dec. The team has a long road trip to northern California.

Marcus also invited Senators to his Christmas party, Thu, 19-Dec, 6-9P for the Newport Harbor Boat Parade. Please rsvp.

Toni DuBois thanked the Senate for taking up the vaping policy. The College's updated policy is printed in the spring schedule of classes.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's report, Sam Foster

FC football team: The state championship game is Sat, 14-Dec 13, 12P, Butte College (north of Sacramento). There will be a fan bus.

Kathy Jew (Math, TAP): The Senate presented her a certificate for her award as outstanding part-time instructor. She will be the College's nominee for the Hayward Award.

Summer Session 2014: There will be one session. The firm start date is 23-June 14. The end date is more flexible, depending on the course.

College Mission Statement: The College will be revising it this spring. Please send Sam Foster your suggestions.

Board of Trustees Meeting: There were many faculty members there for the public comments section to make the case for a salary increase. Also, the Board looked at an institutional effectiveness report, which Sam Foster circulated.

Cypress College Faculty Senate: They have voted to refuse to appoint a CC faculty member to serve on the hiring committee for the new vice chancellor position. At the Board meeting, the CC Faculty Senate president added "at this time" to the end of the resolution. Sam asked the Cypress president what "at this time" meant. He said it meant the resolution would be in place until after salary negotiations are finished.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Nolan-Riegle thanked Gigi Blanche, Linda Shideler, Tamara Trujillo and Jeff Vanderpool for food and beverage.

VI CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT, Jennifer Combs

The CC is now processing proposals for the 2015-16 catalog.

Several departments are in the middle of six-year review right now: Anatomy, Cinema/Radio/TV, Computer Sci., Digital Arts, English, Environmental Sci., Foods, Journalism, Math, Nutrition, Paralegal Studies, Physical Sci., Printing, Real Estate, and Wellness. Major revisions for courses and programs should be completed and pre-launched on CurricUNET by 1-Feb 14. This is also the deadline for any other revisions, as well as new course and new program proposals.

C-net will be up and running over Winter Break so faculty members and deans can work on course proposals during their copious free time.

VII PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT, Jan Chadwick

The PRC is currently revising self-study templates.

At its last meeting, the PRC proposed this definition of the term “minority report.” It should be 300 words or less, written by two or more people who are part of the program and who worked on the self-study document. Their report will be attached to the self-study, but not read by the PRC. There was some discussion about whether this standard was too strict, since some departments have three or fewer full-time instructors. In that case, if two instructors were to write the report, it would no longer be a minority report. The Senate took no action. Jan Chadwick will bring this concern back to the PRC.

VIII INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE REPORT, Diana Kyle

The IREC is still collecting the surveys it distributed to campus committees. This includes the Faculty Senate and PAC, which have yet to return their surveys (see below). This is vitally important for meeting the College’s accreditation standards.

IX ELECTIONS

A new call went out for a one-semester Staff Development Coordinator. No candidates have stepped forward yet.

Student Success Committee: **Lisa Bassi (P.E.), Steve Dayton (Bus./CIS)**

Natural Sciences Dean Hiring Committee: **Cal Young** has been replaced by **Bridget Salzamedu (Nat. Sci.)**.

X OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chancellor position

M/S/U (Wilson/Kyle) To refuse to appoint a Fullerton College faculty member to serve on the hiring committee for the new Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Technology.

This resolution echoes the Cypress College Faculty Senate’s resolution, mentioned above in the president’s report.

There was discussion of this resolution. Is the vice chancellor position an instructional issue, and therefore within the purview of the Faculty Senate? Or is this more properly a workplace issue, within the purview of United Faculty?

What is our desired result of passing this resolution? Would it send the right message to the Board of Trustees? Does the Board have the wrong idea that most faculty members support the new position? Will faculty pressure convince the Board to cancel the position, as the Board did in 2010?

The next Board meeting is Tue, 10-Dec. In light of these resolutions, Dale Craig, UF Pres., will use that meeting to ask the Board to reconsider the position.

Reporting by campus committees

The Senate continued a discussion begun at the 21-Nov 13 meeting, regarding the fact that it is too difficult for faculty and staff members to stay abreast of what is happening on various committees and councils. How do we make their information more widely available? There are several ways to share information, but there is no central location. J-Drive, H-Drive, Sharepoint, and the Faculty Senate website are all possibilities.

One question is accessibility. The Faculty Senate is a Brown Act committee, so its agendas, minutes and background documents must be available to the entire public. Other campus committees don't have this requirement and would probably prefer to have their information available only to faculty and staff.

It was the sense of the Senate to create a task force (work group?) that will make a recommendation to the Senate in Feb 2014. This coincides with the College's hiring of the Senate secretary, Josh Ashenmiller, to reorganize and update the Faculty Senate website. Dale Craig and Laura Melella volunteered to serve on the work group with Josh.

Presidential Interlude: Pres. Rajen Vurdien stopped by to thank all faculty members for their hard work this semester and wish them happy holidays. He recently talked to FC students who had transferred to four-year institutions and were back visiting FC. They told him how much they appreciated the attention and mentoring they received from FC faculty members.

XI NEW BUSINESS

Accreditation midterm report

This item was tabled until the 6-Feb 14 Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate self-reflection questions

The Senate has been tardy in completing the IREC's survey. It began considering the reflective questions IREC distributed in advance of the survey.

1-What is the Senate's mission and function? In addition to the State Ed Code's 10+1 definition, the Senate discusses academic and professional matters. It also provides faculty members with a chance to hear the viewpoints of other departments and divisions. It serves as a central communication point for campus faculty members.

2-What is the output of the Senate? In addition to the decisions made at each meeting, and the resolutions passed, the Senate produces conversation and deliberation about important campus issues.

3-What is the role of the Senate in the planning process, and how does the Senate receive information about planning decisions?

In discussing this question, Senators felt that there were many problems with the current planning process, despite the fact that it underwent major revisions over the past two years. Senators brought up examples of recent administrative decisions that seemed to ignore the faculty's role in the planning process: the new vice chancellor position, and the decision to offer one, reduced summer session. Senators charged themselves to come up with recommendations that would make the faculty a more meaningful participant in the planning process. The Senate took no formal actions. Sam Foster will send out the full IREC survey to all Senators. Tue, 21-Jan 14 will be the joint-senates/UF meeting at the Anaheim campus. Send agenda suggestions to Sam Foster as soon as possible.

XII LIAISON REPORTS

Associated Students

Because of final exams, students are no longer required to go to meetings during the last two weeks of the semester. AS gave recognition to several student clubs that have been especially active this semester: PSSA, MeChA and Lambda. AS thanks those clubs' faculty sponsors. AS is also creating electronic templates for its committee reports.

United Faculty

Dale Craig thanked faculty for the big turnout at the last Board meeting. After the meeting, three Board members told him they were impressed by it. The level of anger is higher this year than it was in past salary and COLA negotiations.

Adjunct faculty

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43P.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Ashenmiller
secretary