

Minutes
Plenary Session of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate
Friday, August 14, 2009
Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

I. Call to Order

The Fall 2009 Plenary Session came to order at 8:12 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The CCSF Academic Senate adopted the agenda.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Academic Senate President Hal Huntsman welcomed the attendees and introduced the 2009-2010 Executive Council members.

IV. Officers' Reports

A. President Huntsman's report included these items:

- Huntsman attended the Tillery Institute at UC Berkeley in early August, joining educators to talk about successful interventions for students in basic skills courses.
- This past June our state accrediting commission accepted our midterm report. They are requiring us to submit a follow-up report addressing deficiencies in Student Learning Outcomes and Financial Planning and Stability. This follow-up report is due by March 15, 2010, and they threatened us with taking formal action if the deficiencies are not corrected by June 2010.
- We are facing challenges this upcoming year, including the financial situation and the demand for classes from a record number of students. As a college and as faculty, we need to stay focused on our students. By collaborating in solidarity—faculty, students, administrators, and classified staff together—we can come through this difficult time a stronger and more connected community.

B. 1st Vice President Edgar Torres report included these items:

- More is being required of faculty during these difficult financial times, including the need for faculty to step forward and be in shared governance. Forty-five faculty memberships in the shared governance committees will expire this December. Faculty are encouraged to join a committee and participate in the decision-making process.

V. Other Reports

A. AFT 2121 update: Gus Goldstein

AFT President Goldstein provided an update about recent AFT2121 activities and issues. Information about ongoing activities can be found on their web site at www.aft2121.com.

B. Budget Update: President Huntsman

Huntsman described some of the relevant details of the current California State budget, which was passed this summer, including:

- No cuts to CalGRANTS or CalWORKs programs
- Not as deep cuts as expected to family programs or state parks
- Proposition 98 was not suspended
- Student fees increased from \$20-\$26. Almost all students who apply for Financial Aid at CCSF get a fee waiver. So encourage your students to apply for Financial Aid.
- No growth money
- No cost of living increase
- \$333 million cut to categorical programs with some expected backfill from the Federal government. Cuts vary by program, but most programs face cuts of between 16 and 32 percent
- \$120 million cut to general-purpose funds.
- An estimated \$53 million local property tax loss in 2009-2010

The details about how this effects each academic department are best discussed with the Chair.

C. Basic Skills Update: Beth Cataldo

The Basic Skills Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee has been meeting since April 2009. It has 10 faculty members, with wide representation from throughout the college, but is still looking for more people to join, especially from student services. Please contact Edgar Torres if you are interested in serving on this committee.

During 2008-2009, the Executive Council of the Academic Senate approved all the recommendations that were made in May 2008. Many credit and non-credit faculty attended Basic Skills conferences since January 2009. Conferences are also being offered throughout the fall.

The Basic Skills budget was cut this summer by 32 percent, with a onetime 16 percent backfill from the Federal Government expected for the 2009-2010 school year.

A meeting of everyone who originally worked on the Basic Skills Initiative to discuss our progress in more detail and create plans to move forward will take place on Monday, September 14. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Beth Cataldo for more details.

VI. Special Order of Business

Presentation from the Chief of College Police: Andre L. Barnes

The new chief of CCSF police, who started on July 1, spoke about his background and what he has been working on since he began this summer. He has worked for almost 30 years in both the municipal and college police force. He worked at San Jose State University for 5 1/2 years, where he retired as Chief of Police. He also worked in the Oakland Police Department for 24 years.

He wants to make sure that everyone on campus knows how to funnel issues to his office. He has been meeting with the unions, the campus Public Safety Group, deans and vice chancellors to get feel of the campus. He had to reorganize his team to make sure that they are aligned to support the mission at CCSF.

He has been working with supervisors and the Chancellor's office to address specific needs, especially the traffic issue. They have put some plans together to help with the flow of the campus.

He is pleased that there is a Public Safety Group on campus. The CCSF police will partner with the Ingleside Police Station and the San Francisco Police Department to get some of their troops on campus to do walking patrols, particularly on the outskirts of campus, where there have been recent assaults.

He also met with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association to make sure that we don't cause problems in the neighborhood and so that they are being valued from our campus point of view.

A. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cataldo, Academic Senate Secretary