

Minutes of the Academic Senate Plenary Session
Diego Rivera Theater
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
January 14, 2004

I. Call to Order

President Yee called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

III. Welcome and Introductions

President Yee welcomed all of the Faculty back for the Fall semester and introduced the Council members.

IV. Officers' Reports

President Yee: Many issues will be coming up this Spring which will require faculty input and

support, particularly in the areas of Accreditation, the evaluation of administrators, administrative hiring, Faculty hiring, and Senate elections in May. Discussions of these issues and others should be conducted at the local level with faculty, within Departments and programs. It is very important to get as much faculty input as possible in all of these areas. I very much regret having to say that this will be the last Plenary Session that I will be officiating, as President of the Academic Senate. I would like to thank the Faculty for all of the support they have given me.

First Vice President Teti: The Governance Interest Form has been appearing in City Currents. It has given us a paper trail to track Faculty Governance Committee requests. I would like to thank those of you who participated in the process. The Committee appointment process has been slowed down because an office secretary is out on medical leave. I will be sending out memos for committee appointments.

Second Vice President Podenski: In its Fall '03 Retreat, the Academic Senate formed three working groups whose work will be brought to closure by the end of this semester. The first group is working on updating the language in the Faculty Hiring document. The second will be exploring Accreditation and Student Learning Outcomes. The other group will be looking at non-teaching tenure Faculty positions and their status. I would like to thank you for your interest and participation. I will also be terming out at the end of the semester and will not be on the Senate in Fall '04.

Glenn Nance, Secretary: The Faculty/Mentor Program is looking for Interns who have completed at least half, or all of the work on their Master's degree. Stipends are available for the Faculty and Intern participants.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Enhanced Self Study Recommendations: Mueller/Clark

There was no report given.

B. Academic Policies Issues: Teti

The agenda and minutes of the Academic Policy Committee are now being posted on the CCSF Shared Governance website. The fourteen subcommittees of AP will be making reports in the course of the semester. We have been and will continue

considering the restructuring of the Associate degree.

C. Accreditation: Yee

The Accreditation site visits are coming up in 2006 and much work remains to be done. Last semester, the Executive Council and College Advisory Council(CAC) have approved the Self Study Format. A number of colleges throughout the state have used a "Theme based" approach to the study, rather than separating the four standards. The Theme approach makes it possible to weave recurring themes across all of the Standards, rather than treat them as separate entities. The Senate will now have to identify the various themes. The issue of Student Learning Outcome is yet to be resolved by the Senate. Use of the Theme-based approach will simplify this area. The big issue before us now is Faculty involvement. It is imperative that there is faculty involvement at all levels of the process.

VI. New Business

A. Basic Skills: Rosenthal

The Basic Skills Committee, which recently came into being, has had a large faculty turn out. A number of articles on basic skills were distributed to committee members who read them and made reports to the committee. The articles covered a wide variety of effective teaching practices and academic support. Those who would like to participate this semester are invited to join the committee.

B. Update on AA/AS Graduation Requirement: Teti

The Math Graduation Requirement Task Force met last semester and was charged by the Bipartite Graduation Committee with finding courses here at CCSF that can be used to satisfy the proposed new Graduation Requirement known as the Algebra/Math 840, as well as starting to put together a list of courses used by other schools that can be used to satisfy this Graduation Requirement. That task Force has "sun-downed" and will be bringing their proposal before the Bipartite Committee. Bonnie Gratch is drafting the Information Competency Graduation Competency Requirement and will soon be bringing it to the Executive Council. The Written Composition Graduation Requirement is still being worked on.

C. Telephone Update: Beaver

Installation of the new phones was delayed over the Winter Break and will resume this semester. A "help line" has been put up on the CCSF website for frequently asked questions. There is also a help desk phone. The number is 5770. Training sessions are also being conducted. If you have any problems, don't hesitate to phone Bill Beaver.

D. Update on Budget: Smith

A march on Sacramento to protest a tuition increase is being planned on March 15, 2004. The theme will be the 188,000 "Missing Students". This is the estimated number of students who will be prevented from attending state community colleges because of fee increases. 188,000 representations of students are being made in colleges throughout the state and will be posted on the lawn in front of the Capital.

E. AFT 2121: Vice President Ed Murry

He described the effort that the Union will be making to help coordinate this effort. The Union is also supporting Proposition 56 which will make it possible for the State

Legislature to pass the budget without the permission of a super-majority of the Legislature.

F. Report from AFT: Allan Fisher

Mr. Fisher suggested that site committees be formed at each of the campuses to facilitate the Missing Student march. Other important AFT issues are: making sure that salary increase agreements which were made by the Union come in effect in July and the catch-up with the Salary Steps which had been deferred because of the budgetary deficit last year. Also, there will be an attempt to establish a sensible salary incentive program that will encourage faculty retirement with dignity.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.
Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Nance, Secretary