

Official Minutes
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Downtown Campus, Room 320
Wednesday, March 2, 2005
2:30-5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Loren Bell, Dominique Chapuis, Ann Clark, Ophelia Clark, Sunny Clark, Mark Fan, Maria Franco, Darrel Hess, Lynda Hirose, Christopher Johnson, Joshua Law, Winnie Leong, David Lisker, Susan Lopez, Madeline Mueller, Glenn Nance, Pablo Rodriguez, Lisa Romano, Jane Sneed, Fred Teti, Pierre Thiry, Melinda Weil, Grace Yu

Council Members Absent: Rosemary Brinson, Fred Chavaria, John Odell, Denise Quinn, Karen Saginor

Other Senate Members Present: Ed Murray, Jessica Williams

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:58 pm.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted as amended.

III. Announcements

A. President Fred Teti distributed a written copy of his announcements.

1. The Spring Session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary Session is going to be at The Westin San Francisco Airport on April 7 - 9, 2005. Academic Senate Faculty Travel funds can be applied toward this conference; contact Travel Chair Ophelia Clark.

2. Fred distributed copies and urged Council to respond to a questionnaire regarding shared governance issues that was given to him by former president David Yee, currently a member of the ASCCC Relations with Local Senates Committee.

3. The Associated Students are discussing charging an optional \$1.00 activism fee.

4. Executive Council Members Melinda Weil and Chris Johnson were approved for tenure; please plan to celebrate with other newly tenured faculty at the end-of-the-semester faculty party.

B. 2nd Vice President Sunny Clark announced the Panel Discussion on Suicide Prevention, scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Diego Rivera Theater. Please encourage students to attend.

C. Jane Sneed reported her discussion with Trustee Rodel Rodis about the idea of re-naming the Downtown Campus to be the Yerba Buena Campus.

D. April 22 is the *Wok on the Wild Side* fund raiser for the Culinary Arts/Hospitality Studies Department.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The 2005 February 16 minutes were approved by consensus as amended.

V. Officers' Reports

A. President Fred Teti distributed a written copy of his report which included mention of the many meetings that he had attended. The Senate may appoint three faculty members to serve on the APASS Director Search Committee, so forward candidate names to the Academic Senate.

B. Jane Sneed reported that on February 24 she and Susan Lopez attended the Association of Community and Continuing Education conference in Oakland where Leslie Smith was a presenter. Dr. Day was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award.

VI. Committee appointments

1st Vice President Lisa Romano presented the committee nominees as recommended by the Committee on Committees.

Resolution 2005.02.14.1: Shared Governance Committee Appointments

Resolved, that the shared governance nominees be approved.

Moved Ann Clark; seconded Lisa Romano; approved unanimously.

VII. Unfinished Business (3:05)

A. Report on Accreditation Self-Study [O. Clark/S. Lopez]

The committees are progressing with their work, expecting to have a copy of the second draft late March. Then, every day for a week in April, members of the work group will go out into the field to talk about the co-chairs' reports. Committee memberships are set.

B. Update on Council Goal Working Groups [S. Clark]

The Communication Group has been continuing its work so that, by May, we should be able to report on findings to the Council. At the College Council, Dr. Day announced that James Kendrix will be retiring at the end of this semester.

C. Update on 2005 Senate Elections [Teti]

The nomination form was published in City Currents. We already have three nominations to run for next year's Council.

D. Update on the Chancellor's and Administrator's Evaluations [Teti]

The evaluation submission period for the Chancellor is now closed. 375 faculty evaluations were received, about 15 to 20 fewer than last year. The annual administrator evaluations have begun for all administrators. The administrators are allowed to pick evaluators to receive the long form, and the short forms are available to faculty by calling the Senate Office, 239-3611, with your request. Various ideas for increasing faculty access to the evaluation forms were discussed.

E. Update on the Status of Remaining ESS Recommendations [O. Clark]

Three recommendations are pending. Council will discuss the recommendations later in the agenda.

F. Update on the Student Equity Report [Teti]

President Fred Teti met with Dr. Bob Gabriner who included the items that we requested to be part of the plan. The degree completion data is optional and will not be included in the plan. The geographic area from which the baseline data for the report is drawn has various options, such as either San Francisco only or the 30-mile radius. Students who helped in developing the plan will be acknowledged in the plan. The Student Equity Report was approved at the last Board meeting. Faculty requested that hard copies be available upon request from the Office of Research and Planning.

G. Report on the Spring 2005 Bipartite Committee on Graduation Requirements (BCGR)

A discussion ensued about problems in approving courses for general education graduation requirements. The primary barrier to approval is course outlines that include prerequisites, a matter that was discussed at the February 16 Council meeting. Some Council members, representing their Departments at BCGR, expressed extreme concern that the Area descriptors lack clarity. Certain courses were not approved because the types of communication listed in Area A were not matched explicitly by the course outline under consideration. President Teti noted that Areas A through F look different from G and H because A through F are in Title 5, whereas G and H are additional local areas. Council discussed charging a Work Group to develop procedure, criteria and guidelines for technical review of courses

up for BCGR, the idea of expanding the descriptors for A through F, and the practice of referring to precedent set by the acceptance of earlier courses, and the difficulties caused by an overloaded agenda.

VIII. New Business

A. Faculty Response to Governor's Education Policy [E. Murray]

The CCSF Faculty contract has been ratified and we are beginning re-openers. We have a guaranteed 3% for starting in the fall semester. The monthly/biweekly/twice-monthly paycheck choice will be discussed at the next AFT2121 General Membership Meeting to be held March 22, 3 - 5 p.m., Ocean Avenue Campus, Arts 302. Ed Murray presented the AFT2121 response to Governor Schwarzenegger's Education Plan. He described the Governor's attacks on teachers, pointing out potential CalSTRS and CalPERS changes, funding effects from the suspension of Proposition 98, ten-year tenure, and merit pay.

IX. Committee Reports (3:50)

A. Academic Policies [Teti]

President Fred Teti reported on the three ESS Recommendations that appeared on our list of languishing recommendations.

PRM6: Would allow a student who is failing to be enrolled in the next class in a sequence. This is a Banner issue and is still being worked on.

CLL5: Basic Skills advisories are held up in AP because there is a list of ancillary issues. What is the benchmark that can be established for a basic skills advisory?

What data and what level? Now, the ESL and English requirements are in place and will be discussed.

EMT7: Automated Attendance Reporting for Noncredit. We can bring this one back to AP and then, if approved, to Council.

B. Facilities Review [Mueller]

The Performing Arts Center Complex Selection Committee has made their recommendation from among the four finalists for the architectural team for the new Performing Arts Center Complex to be built on the reservoir. Madeline Mueller highlighted the proposed plans for an environmentally designed "green" building.

X. Open Forum

Melinda Weil announced that there is a theft problem in the Science building and urged that everyone be vigilant and careful with their equipment.

XI. Adjournment

The Executive Council of the Academic Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sneed, Academic Senate Secretary