

Official Minutes
PLENARY SESSION of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate
Friday, January 13, 2006
Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

I. Call to Order

The Spring 2006 Plenary Session came to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The CCSF Academic Senate consented to adopt the agenda.

III. Welcome and Introductions

IV. Officers' Reports

A. President: Fred Teti highlighted certain points of his distributed written report.

1. The Carnegie Institute of Public Policy is co-sponsoring the American Democracy Project.
2. The Dr. Michael Blumenthal interview event was very successful.
3. The Bipartite Committee on Graduation Requirements will be on February 22, 2006. We are trying to make the process friendlier.
4. Last Spring, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) passed a resolution recommending that the Title 5 English and math graduation requirements change to English 1A and Intermediate Algebra. The ASCCC closed debate before the CCSF Academic Senate could state its opinion.
5. The deadline for the evaluation of Chancellor Day is February 3, 2006; President Teti urged faculty to participate.
6. Teti reminded the Senate that the administrator evaluations now occur each year. Faculty may participate by contacting the Academic Senate Office and requesting the questionnaire for any administrator. Any faculty member may participate using the short form; call the Senate Office to request the form.
7. President Teti urged that faculty members consider serving on the 2006–2007 Executive Council.
8. Handouts available to faculty were the Senate Rostrum, simple explanations of the California economy and budget process, and the ASCCC 10 + 1 cards with Title 5 Article 2, Section 53200.

B. 1st Vice President Lisa Romano

1. Romano urged faculty to participate in discussions regarding Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), and to volunteer for administrator and faculty searches, including Latino/Latina Services Network, Enrollment Management Coordinators at the campuses, and the Dean of Student Advocacy Rights and Responsibility.
2. Romano declared that it was a great pleasure serving as 1st Vice President. This will be her last semester due to term limits.

C. 2nd Vice President Fred Chavaria

1. Chavaria discussed the issue of arming Campus Police officers.
2. Chavaria invited faculty to the "Be a Part of the Process" presentation. Panelists will explain the role and purpose of the Academic Senate
3. He shared highlights from a Marcus Harvey article that warned against the business model for education.

D. Secretary Jane Sneed reported that she represented the Academic Senate at Elizabeth Brent's memorial service.

V. Facilities Update:

Librarian Julia Bergman noted that construction costs are soaring, nearly doubling building costs, thus necessitating a bond budget reallocation. (For example, the Student Health Center was originally budgeted at \$5 million and now is up to \$10 million.)

- A. Projects nearing completion are the Downtown Campus, and Student Health.
- B. Other projects underway are the Child Development Center, new Mission Campus, and the Health and Wellness Center
- C. Much discussion is ongoing regarding the sustainability, specifically the desire for "green building". A committee may form to guide this movement.
- D. Some very mature Monterey Cypress trees fell during the break; CCSF is concerned about safety risk and is consulting with arborists.

VI. Budget Update

ESL Instructor Lopez reminded the senate that Capital Outlay is separate from our regular budget.

- A. CCSF is still on short funds. The State environment is more favorable these days because unemployment is down, but our enrollment is low and we won't likely achieve growth. Locally, we still must function as if we weren't getting more funding.
- B. Governor is asking for a more favorable Prop 98 split, and no increase in student fees.
- C. There continues to be no State funding for professional development.
- D. We continue to work toward an increase in noncredit funding.
- E. This semester will be a particularly difficult time for our college finances.
- F. Lopez made four suggestions for faculty:
 - a. Continue to take action to stay informed about college issues
 - b. Advocate as necessary for your groups and interests, PT faculty, diversity, campus, etc.
 - c. Strive to maintain a broad view of the college-wide perspective.
 - d. Make your views known while being supportive of faculty representatives.

VII. Faculty Travel Update:

Faculty Travel Chair Ophelia Clark reported that travel funding is still available, up to \$200/person. Travel must be completed by the last day of instruction in spring 2006.

VIII. Report from AFT 2121

AFT2121 Treasurer Kovak Williamson asked for a moment of silence in memory of Elizabeth Brent.

- A. Williamson brought attention to an AFT flier, and he pointed out Flex workshops on Faculty Development plans, budget issues, Governor's budget proposal, pro-rata pay, structural problems in the CCSF budget.
- B. He encouraged us to apply now for AFT2121 scholarships for our children. More information is available at cft.org.

IX. Adjournment

The City College of San Francisco Academic Senate 2005 Spring Plenary was adjourned in memory of Dean Elizabeth Brent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sneed

Academic Senate Secretary