

Official Minutes
CCSF ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Downtown Campus, Room 320
Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Council Members Present: João Barretto, Loren Bell, , Rosemary Brinson, Dominique Chapuis, Fred Chavaria, Ophelia Clark, Christopher Kox, Dora Dye, Mark Fan, Darrel Hess, Maria Heredia, Lynda Hirose, Suzanne Lo, Lisa Romano, Karen Saginor, Jane Sneed, Fred Teti, Pierre Thiry, Melinda Weil, Grace Yu

Council Members Absent: Monica Bosson, Lori Brown, David Lisker, Susan Lopez, Rodolfo Padilla, Denise Quinn, Jessica Williams

Other Senate Member Present: Nadine Rosenthal

Guests: Dean Steven Glick, Trustee Milton Marks III

I. Call to Order

Council came to order at 2:45 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Council adopted the agenda as amended.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council approved the March 15, 2006 minutes as corrected.

IV. Officers' Reports

A. President Teti distributed a written report listing various issues, events, general announcements and job announcements approved.

Teti pointed out that Vice Chancellor Griffin concurs that we should convene a special meeting of the Bipartite Committee on Graduation Requirements in the Fall 06.

The WASC visiting team's exit report was favorable; the text of Dr. Carroll's speech is available on the College website.

B. 2nd Vice President Fred Chavaria reported that the Senate Officers met with the Accreditation Team on the last day of their visit. He reported that the Accreditation Team was impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of everyone at CCSF.

V. Committee Appointments

Resolution 2006.03.29.01: Shared Governance Committee Appointments

Resolved, that the Academic Senate Executive Council approve the shared governance committee appointment, as recommended by the Committee on Committees.

Moved: Lisa Romano; seconded: Karen Saginor; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Special Order of Business: Trustee Milton Marks III

Trustee Marks explained that he had questions about the Board's role in approving agenda items on the Board's consent calendar¹ in ensuring institutional effectiveness in meeting community needs.

The Council and Trustee Marks discussed the monitoring and oversight functions of the Trustees, including how the Board relies primarily upon the advice of the Academic Senate.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Basic Skills Recommendation 2: Create coordinated programs and services for basic skills students

¹ The Board approves consent calendar items without debate unless a Trustee specifically requests otherwise.

Nadine Rosenthal presented The Basic Skills Subcommittee Recommendation. Teti reminded us of the suggestion by Council that “basic skills students” be replaced by “students with basic skills needs.” He distributed a commentary by the Student Prep/Success Committee.

Rosenthal updated the Council on the committee’s progress since May 2005 when the recommendations were first presented. The Basic Skills Subcommittee continues to work, offering professional development opportunities and creating a Basic Skills website that is funded by Title 3 grant. Rosenthal expressed that the Prep/Success comments might be too prescriptive. Council suggested, and Rosenthal agreed, to meet with Prep/Success members to draft language that is more open to interpretation (e.g., inserting “generally” in front of “defined as”).

B. By-Laws Article I Proposed Amendment

Romano led a discussion about the proposal to change the By-Laws in order to allow each of the Counseling departments to have separate representation on Council. Council discussed the By-laws and the potential benefits or difficulties that could arise from the proposed change. Ideas included re-aligning Council representation by Schools and/or by the Curriculum Committee membership structure. Council agreed to reconvene the Bi-Laws subcommittee to discuss this issue as it relates not only to Counseling but to other departments as well.

C. Study Abroad Proposal: Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Teti reported on the answers to the question brought up regarding class units.

Council heard concerns about courses offered abroad, especially Special Topics courses. The Study Abroad Proposal for Program in Costa Rica and Nicaragua to Academic Policies was tabled until next Council meeting.

D. General Education Requirements Work Group

Chavaria asked Council to contact him in order to participate in the work group. The group will be preparing for the Fall 2006 Bipartite.

VIII. New Business

A. The Proposed Change to the Discipline List from Health Science Department was distributed. Council tabled the approval vote until next meeting.

B. Administrator evaluations are complete. Teti remarked that a later deadline would be a good idea because the formal process was still going on past this year’s deadline.

D. Council Nominations

Teti explained the numbers of vacancies (17) and the number who were willing to run (12). He hopes that the numbers indicate that faculty are pleased with how things are running. There will be at most 24 members on Council next year. Some Senate members have asked about write-in candidates.

There is no provision for write-ins in the Constitution, and historically we interpret the election rules strictly. If the Senate so wishes, the Council may consider amending the election rules.

IX. Adjournment

Council adjourned with gratitude to the Organic Coffee Company and the Educated Palate for their delicious coffee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sneed, Academic Senate Secretary