

Official Minutes
Plenary Session of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

I. Call to Order

The Fall 2007 Plenary Session came to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The CCSF Academic Senate adopted the agenda.

III. Welcome and Introductions

1st Vice President Fred Chavaria introduced the 2006–2007 Executive Council members.

IV. Officers' Reports

- A. As President Fred Teti was absent to attend a Board of Governors meeting, Chavaria presented the President's Report. He highlighted (1) the swearing in ceremony for the new and returning CCSF Trustees; (2) the upcoming Executive Council election; and (3) the need to identify a successor for President Teti, as he has reached the end of his term.
- B. 1st Vice President Fred Chavaria summarized goals of the three Executive Council Working Groups, G.E. Graduation Requirements, Effective Senate Communication Diversity goal groups and Enhancing Faculty Diversity, and the efforts of the participants thus far. He also alerted us that his term as a Council member ends this year.
- C. 2nd Vice President Suzanne Lo announced that the Transitional Studies Department won the ASCCC Exemplary Program Award. Department Chair Jane Sneed, Ellen Wall, and Fred Teti were in Sacramento to receive the award. Lo also noted that the ASCCC has a teaching institute open to faculty members.
- D. Secretary Melinda Weil looks forward to another year as recorder.

V. Other Reports

- A. **Administration Update:** Chavaria detailed recent and forthcoming changes increasing the number of positions in college administration. He delineated the importance of faculty in ensuring that "[t]he reason for everything that is being done... is to improve efficiency, build an administrative infrastructure dedicated to creating a learning environment that will allow and encourage students to succeed, and faculty to deliver a quality education to our students." He explained, paraphrasing John Maxwell, that "the winds of change are blowing, and we must adjust our sails."
- B. **Facilities News:** Librarian Julia Bergman provided updates on several projects, including the Child Development Center, the new Mission and Chinatown Campus buildings, the Health and Wellness Center, Conlan Hall and the Campus Bookstore, the Performing Arts Center, and the new Science building facilities. She also announced that the California Academy of Sciences whale fountain is now on Ocean Avenue Campus for installation and that CCSF business cards may now carry one of three College-related arts images.
- C. **Multicultural Infusion Project:** Hal Huntsman (Math), Joan Vitorelo (Counseling), and Tracy Burt (Child Development) presented a report on the history, aims, and pedagogy of the MIP. They described the previous meetings and future agendas and workshops open to faculty.
- D. **Report from AFT 2121:** Ed Murray, President of the faculty union, reported these items: (1) AFT 2121 will present a Flex Day workshop on negotiations as the present faculty contract expires in December 07; (2) At the national level, the percentage of full-time faculty is 30%. Because it is less costly to hire one full-time than two part-time faculty members, the State AFT will focus on this issue. CCSF, with about 70% of faculty credit hours taught by full-timers, is in a position to take the lead on this issue; (3) Allan Fisher is presenting a Flex Day talk on the war in Iraq and its effect on federal education funding; (4) the Community College Initiative qualified for the ballot, thanks to the efforts of many supporters, particularly Darlene Alioto and Austin White. The focus now moves to successful passing of the initiative.
- E. **Faculty Travel Funds:** Glenn Nance reminded faculty that there is a Flex Day workshop on AB 1725 travel funding. Ophelia Clark reported that the faculty travel fund has \$200 per person available for requesting faculty members on a first-come, first-served basis.

VI. Adjournment The plenary adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda L. Weil, Academic Senate Secretary