

Official Minutes
CCSF ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Ocean Avenue Campus, Rosenberg Library 518
Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Council Members Present: João Barretto, Loren Bell, Monica Bosson, Rosemary Brinson, Beth Cataldo, Sunny Clark, Ophelia Clark, Maria Heredia, Christopher Kox, Suzanne Lo, Billington Mbolo, Muriel Parenteau, Francine Podenski, Fred Teti, Pierre Thiry, Edgar Torres, Melinda Weil

Council Members Absent: Fred Chavaria, Mark Fan, Christine Francisco, David Lisker, Rodolfo Padilla

Other Council Members Present: Deborah Goldsmith

Guests: Monica Davey, Board of Trustees President Anita Grier, Trustee John Rizzo, Associate Vice Chancellor Leslie Smith

I. Call to Order

The Academic Senate Executive Council meeting came to order at 2:35 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Council adopted the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes: 2007 March 14

Council approved the minutes as amended.

IV. Officers' Reports

A. President Fred Teti distributed a written report.

1. The State Academic Senate (the ASCCC) is recommending several Title 5 changes to the Board of Governors. Several of these give control of key educational decisions to the CCC System. The ASCCC may support mandated statewide common assessment of matriculants and creating separate basic skills departments.
2. Faculty can send Susan Lopez comments on the 2005 - 06 College Performance Indicators report.
3. The officers continue to monitor composition of administrator search committees.
4. The Shared Governance Office and personnel are being moved to Conlan Hall.

B. 2nd Vice President Suzanne Lo announced the Asian Coalition dinner. The speaker is Frank Chong, President of Laney College.

V. Committee Appointments

Teti discussed the need to convene the Student Grade and File Committee (aka Review Board), owing to three student grievances. Three voting and four resource members, and two liaisons from Student Prep/Success have been identified. The voting members are Antonio Martinez, Karen Saginor, and Jill Yee.

Resolution 2007.03.28.01: Shared Governance Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Francine Podenski; seconded: Rosemary Brinson; motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

G.E. Graduation Requirements

Council had the second reading of the Recommendations for Breadth Requirement Proposal Process draft. Loren Bell is working with Deanna Abma and other interested parties in order to ensure smooth implementation.

Resolution 2007.03.28.02: Recommendations for Breadth Requirement Proposal Process

Resolved, that the Academic Senate Executive Council approve the Recommendations for breadth requirement proposals.

Moved: Pierre Thiry; seconded: Monica Bosson; motion carried.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion with Dr. Anita Grier, President, Board of Trustees

President Grier discussed her own student history at City College and her further education. She expressed concern for students who are not prepared to succeed when they enter college and hopes to improve methods for ensuring college-readiness. She asked faculty to share ideas and experiences. Dr. Grier and the Council discussed learning environments, the CAHSEE, expansion of basic skills, intervention methods, and last year's lack of summer school in the Unified School District.

B. Expressing Concern about Lower Division Transfer Patterns

The CSU system wants LDTP-qualified courses in introductory macro- and micro-economics to have an Intermediate Algebra prerequisite. Of a list of 64 community colleges, none of them require such a prerequisite. Our guests presented detailed document explaining the importance of resisting this requirement. Council considered a resolution directed at the ASCCC for affirming student access to educational opportunities by supporting the autonomy of the CCCs.

Resolution 2007.03.28.03: Resolution Affirming Support for Student Access to Educational Opportunities, for Autonomy of the CCCs and of the CC Colleges Themselves

The CCSF Academic Senate authorizes President Teti to bring the following resolution, in a form to be finalized in process, to the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges:

Whereas, the State of California has established three segments of public postsecondary education—the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges (CCCs)—with the goal of providing educational opportunity and success to the broadest possible range of Californians, especially those historically and currently underrepresented in high school graduation rates and in enrollment at California higher educational institutions, and

Whereas, the State of California has clearly stated goals that educational equity is achieved not only through a diverse and representative student body and faculty, but also by affording all persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or economic circumstances an opportunity to fully develop their potential, and

Whereas, each segment of California public post-secondary education has its own distinct mission and responsibility and the CCCs (per Ed Code §76000) must admit any California resident with a high school diploma or the equivalent or over the age of 18 who is capable of profiting from instruction, and

Whereas, the CCC Board of Governors and the local Boards of Trustees rely primarily on academic senate recommendations in all CCC curricular matters, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges pursue and continue to support policies that continue to preserve the autonomy of the California Community College system and of the colleges themselves (per Ed Code §70901(a) and §70902(b)) to develop their own curriculum in order to provide students with equal access to educational opportunity, the broadest educational experience, and the services necessary to optimize their chances for success, and further be it

Resolved that the Academic Senate of the California community colleges pursue and continue to support policies that provide educational opportunities to all Californians with the fewest impediments, including unnecessary pre- or co-requisites, assessments, or placements that will subject the student to undue delay in attaining his or her educational goal.

Moved: Maria Heredia; seconded: Rosemary Brinson; motion carried.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Academic Policies

The Academic Policies Committee continues to consider the Associate Degrees.

B. Website Advisory Subcommittee

Beth Cataldo and Francine Podenski presented the basic ideas of the Web Site Redesign and Portal Implementation, seeking proposals that would lead to the development and deployment of a comprehensive website for CCSF.

IX. Adjournment

Council adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda L. Weil, Academic Senate Secretary