Official Minutes

Plenary Session of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

I. Call to Order

The Spring 2007 Plenary Session came to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The CCSF Academic Senate adopted the agenda.

III. Welcome

Academic Senate President Lisa Romano welcomed the attendees.

IV. Introduction of 2007 – 2008 Executive Council Members

President Romano introduced the 2007–2008 Executive Council members.

V. Special Order of Business

Appreciation and acknowledgement of past Academic Senate President Fred Teti was expressed. His exemplary efforts during the three years of his presidency and his previous positions on Executive Council were recognized.

VI. Officers' Reports

- **A.** President Romano reported on the issues of interest that occurred over the summer. She summarized the many Board of Trustees meetings she attended, discussed the new Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs position, reminded us of the ongoing efforts towards a new Chinatown/North Beach campus, and provided an alert of the upcoming hiring and reorganizing on the administrative and other levels. As Chancellor Philip Day has announced that he will resign at the end of this school year, President Romano discussed the ambitious timeline for hiring a new Chancellor and encouraged faculty to consider applying to be on a search committee.
- **B.** 1st Vice President David Yee reminded faculty that positions will become available on the Academic Senate committees and subcommittees; announcements will appear in *City Currents*.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Academic Policy Issues

Dr. Fred Teti reported that:

- The student registration process has been extended almost up until the day classes begin.
- Approval has been given for a pilot project with Beijing Pharmaceutical University for college preparation and lower divisions courses for Allied Health majors in Beijing, China.
- In accordance with the WASC recommendations, an academic freedom statement will appear in the 2008 09 Catalog.
- A statement that a D grade can satisfy a graduation requirement will also will appear in the 2008
 09 Catalog.
- A proposal to endorse course equivalency so that upper division coursework can be counted towards a graduation requirement will come before the Executive Council, then the Bipartite Committee.
- A policy will be explored whereby students may receive a second degree after completing their first at CCSF.

VIII. New Business

A. Faculty Development and Travel

Glenn Nance reported on AB1725 travel fund availability; there is hope that the California State governor will continue this funding. He also summarized the CCSF Grow Your Own program; further funding for this program is expected. He asked that faculty members support Grow Your Own by identifying likely students in their courses.

B. Presentation on current issues for the new Chinatown Campus

Agnes Chan, Linda Reichman and Janice Wood gave a detailed presentation on the current issues with the

new Chinatown Campus. They discussed the support and opposition to the building, provided details regarding issues on the height and MUNI usage, elucidated the next steps necessary by the Board of Trustees, and gave information on how to assist in forwarding the efforts.

C. AFT 2121 Report

Gus Goldstein reported on the recent and ongoing efforts by AFT 2121.

- The negotiated raise for last year was 5% but that budget negotiations in Sacramento have stalled so no information is available for this year.
- The "It's Our Health" campaign for affordable, cost-effective healthcare continues.
- AFT 2121 sponsored Flex Day workshops, will host a faculty reception in October, and will continue to provide bulletins: read them!

D. Mission Campus Report

President Romano asked for current information on the state of the new Mission Campus. Although more effort was still necessary to prepare for Fall 2007 classes, the main electrical and plumbing work was completed and, as one faculty member put it, the campus is "drop-dead gorgeous."

IX. Adjournment

Jane Sneed of Transitional Studies asked that we adjourn in the memory of Marvin Tartak, a valued and respected member of the music department, who passed away a few weeks ago. A moment of silence occurred in his honor.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda L. Weil, Academic Senate Secretary