

Official Minutes
CCSF ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Ocean Campus, Room 518
Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Council Members Present: Loren Bell, Beth Cataldo, Michael Estrada, Mark Fan, Christine Francisco, Lynda Hirose, Hal Huntsman, Suzanne Lo, Billington Mbolo, Elliot Osborne, Marie Osborne, Rodolfo Padilla, Muriel Parenteau, Luz Maria Pena, Francine Podenski, Carmen Roman-Murray, Lisa Romano, Karen Saginor, Leticia Silva, Jane Sneed, Pierre Thiry, Edgar Torres, Melinda Weil, David Yee

Council Members Absent: Denise Quinn

Other Senate Members Present: Darlene Alioto, Joao Barretto, Julia Bergman, Monica Bosson, P. Agnes Chan, Lancelot Kao, Linda Reichman, Fred Teti, Carole Toebe, Austin White, John Wilde, Janice Wood

Guests: Chancellor Philip Day, Vice Chancellor Don Griffin, Christopher Scott Gomora, Jacquelyn Green, Dean Mamie How

I. Call to Order

The Academic Senate Executive Council came to order at 2:34 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Council adopted the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes: 2007 September 12

Council approved the minutes with a few corrections.

IV. Officers' Reports

- A. President Romano distributed a written report. She reviewed several meetings she attended and encouraged faculty participation at the Basics Skills Initiative Meeting.
- B. 1st Vice President Yee reported on the meeting called by Vice-Chancellor Gabriner on a college technology plan. The plan would include incorporating the technology plans from ITS, the Library, and the Educational Technology Office (ETO).
- C. 2nd Vice President Huntsman provided copies of the first draft of the proposed goals from the Senate Retreat on September 19.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Article X of the CCSF Academic Senate Constitution:

The question was called by Edgar Torres and seconded by Rodolfo Padilla on the amendment to Torres's resolution proposed by Francine Podenski on September 12; it did not pass. Discussion ensued on the amendment in which consideration focused on the methods of and reasons for the previous selection of Committee on Committees. The minutes of September 2, 1992 were introduced in which a resolution was passed regarding the constitution of the Committee on Committees. A vote on the amendment was taken; it failed to pass. Discussion on Torres's resolution ensued.

Resolution 2007.09.26.01: Committee on Committees Selection:

Resolved, that the Academic Senate Executive Council move to postpone the continued discussion of Article X until after the Chancellor leaves the meeting.

Moved: Hal Huntsman; seconded: Lynda Hirose; motion carried.

- B. Proposed New Administrative Positions: Special Guest, Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr.

Documents from Chancellor Day on his 2007 – 08 Personnel Issues/Plans were distributed. Dr. Day mentioned that action will also need to be taken on positions now or upcoming vacated by the Dean of Diversity, the Interim Dean of Instruction, two academic deans and others. The exempt Associate Senior Counsel for Policy Review and Analysis new position will be funded by monies that previously supported Dean Judy Teng’s position. Dean Steven Glick will assume Dean Teng’s responsibilities; her position is not intended to be refilled. Kit Dai will continue to run the Contract Education Office. It is expected that that this Associate Senior Counsel position is in the line of succession for Senior Counsel Ron Lee. The Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, a new position, is intended to finance a position presently held by a consultant. Dr. Day noted that the Foundation pledges have increased from one to 26 million dollars during his tenure at the college. The Dean of the School for International Education and ESL and Chinatown/North Beach Campus will be upgraded to Associate Vice Chancellor, partially to stimulate an increase in international students. The Associate Dean of Grants and Resource Development will be upgraded to Dean, following exemplary service; the Associate Dean position will not be backfilled. The administrative position of Vice Chancellor for Student Development (VCSD) will be re-opened. Concern was expressed regarding this focus on administrative increases to the detriment of faculty needs was expressed. Dr. Day reminded us that there is now an unprecedented 800 full-time faculty positions at the college. Concern was expressed regarding the phrase “or the equivalent” in minimum qualifications requirement of “[t]hree years of direct instructional and/or student services experience (or the equivalent).” Dr. Day agreed to remove the phrase “or equivalent” from all the present administrative position announcements. He requested that it be on the record that faculty had previously requested that he “move the Tech Roundtable to an Office of Educational Technology headed by a Dean” and he complied. Thus, he finds reason to support the proposed Associate Dean of Distance education position.

C. Discussion: New position of Associate Dean of Distance Education

Dean Mamie How presented a history of the development of educational technology at the college, and an explanation of the duties in Janet Willett’s present position as Coordinator. She exerted that both College growth in this area and the policies of other schools suggest that the time has come to prepare for continued growth with an Associate Dean of Distance Education position. The Coordinator position will be removed. It was noted that this position is year-round whereas department chair positions are not. Suggestions were made for further inclusions in the job description. Information will be posted on a website that faculty members can access.

VI. New Business

A. Support for Chinatown/North Beach

Jack Wilde reported on the urgency of complying with disabled access requirements, including mobility, vision and hearing issues, which the present Chinatown campus does not. Agnes Chan explained the reasons to urge the Board of Trustees to vote for an exemption from the City Planning Department height restrictions. The question on the motion was called by Karen Saginor and seconded by Suzanne Lo; it carried.

Resolution 2007.09.26.02: Support for the Chinatown/North Beach Campus Exemption

Whereas, the Academic Senate Executive Council passed Resolution (2007.02.14.06) asking the Board to move the Chinatown/North Beach building forward, and

Whereas, California Government Code(CGC) Section 53094 allows the SFCCD to declare local zoning ordinances inapplicable to a San Francisco Community College District(SFCCD) project, and

Whereas, the Academic Senate recognizes that our students and the people in the Chinatown community deserve to have an adequate, quality education facility where students can focus on their learning, and thrive;

Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Council of the Academic Senate express our strong appreciation for and support of the plan to build a new Chinatown campus facility at the Corner of Kearny and Washington;

Further be it resolved that the Academic Senate urge the Board of Trustees to vote yes on the CGC Section 53094

(Exemption) as applied to the new Chinatown/North Beach campus; and

Finally be it resolved that this resolution be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Moved: Hal Huntsman; seconded: Suzanne Lo; motion carried.

Resolution 2007.09.26.03: Further Support for the Chinatown/North Beach Campus

Resolved, that the Academic Senate Executive Council be added as a City College organization to the list of Chinatown/North Beach Campus supporters of an open letter to the Board of Trustees requesting a vote to exempt the District from the City Planning Department requirements.

Moved: Francine Podenski; seconded: Christine Francisco; motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Christine Francisco moved that we extend the meeting by 15 minutes to discuss article X of the Constitution. The motion carried. Several council members had to leave at 5 pm. The remaining members decided not to extend the meeting, and Francisco rescinded her motion.

Council adjourned at 5:06.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda L. Weil, Academic Senate Secretary