

Official Minutes
Plenary Session of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate
Friday, January 11, 2008
Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

I. Call to Order

The Spring 2008 Plenary Session came to order at 8:15 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. Officers' Reports

A. President Romano report included these items:

- A climate of change is coming with Chancellor Day's acceptance of the position of CEO and President of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington, DC.
- The Academic Senate has been asked to join the leaderships of the Executive Administrators Councils, the Department Chairs Council, AFT 2121, SEIU 1021, the Classified Senate, and the Associated Students Council to express our support of appointing Dr. Don Griffin as Interim Chancellor effective when the Chancellor Day vacates the position. The faculty present voiced overwhelming support to include the Academic Senate as a signatory on the letter that will be sent to the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees has hired the Association of Community College Trustees to assist in the Chancellor search; for Flex Day, they will facilitate three open forums to seek input from the college community regarding the Chancellors job description/prospectus
- The Chancellor's search committee will have its first meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 4 pm at Gough Street.
- The results of the debate regarding the formation of the Committee on Committees (COC) in which the COC was finally formed on November 7 and the first set of faculty appointments to shared governance committees occurred at the December 12 executive council meeting. At the November 28 meeting, the executive council passed a resolution to convene a workgroup, consisting of current and former executive council members as well as interested faculty members at large, that will review and establish procedures for the future convening of the COC. Faculty members interested in participating, are asked to email President Romano no later than noon on Friday, February 1st.
- Romano asked that faculty members both with and without experience on the Executive Council of the Academic Senate consider running when the nomination request for the 2008-2009 Council appears in City Currents.

B. 1st Vice President David Yee reported on the budget. Specifically,

- He explained the budget implications for the current year with a State reduction of \$40 million for community colleges.
- He provided details regarding expectations for the coming 2008 – 09 year.
- He discussed the CCSF strategy for preparation for the projected shortfall.
- He presented the proposal to save CCSF \$4 million, which includes cuts to administrative positions, overtime pay, travel, hires, mail, equipment, and library hours.

In addition, Yee presented an update on the Basic Skills Initiative, asking faculty to consider joining one of the four workgroups: Basic Skills in Career and Technical Education, Basic Skills in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Basic Skills Program and Services, Student Development and Academic Support.

C. 2nd Vice President Hal Huntsman encouraged faculty to vote for Proposition 92 and to become involved in helping it pass.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Academic Policy Issues

Dr. Fred Teti reported that the three big issues within the Academic Policies Committee were:

- Allowing priority registration and enrollment for certain students.
- Creating an Institutional Review Board for experiments on human subjects.
- Responding to Title 5 changes that affect the Associate Degree and Liberal Arts Degree.

VII. New Business

A. Health and Wellness Center

Peg Grady of the Physical Education Department described the new fitness center and indoor pool; tours are being offered. Faculty can enroll in PE 51 to use the facilities.

B. Sustainability

Deborah Levy, a member of the Sustainability Subcommittee, described several methods by which the college can support sustainability on campus.

VIII. Adjournment

The plenary session adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda L. Weil, Academic Senate Secretary