

Official Minutes  
Plenary Session of the City College of San Francisco Academic Senate  
Friday, January 9, 2009  
Ocean Avenue Campus, Diego Rivera Theatre

**I. Call to Order**

The Spring 2009 Plenary Session came to order at 8:10 a.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

The CCSF Academic Senate adopted the agenda as amended.

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

Academic Senate President Hal Huntsman welcomed the attendees.

President Huntsman introduced the 2008–2009 Executive Council members.

**IV. Officers' Reports**

**A. President Huntsman's report included these items:**

- The swearing-in for the newly-elected Board of Trustees members occurred on Monday, January 5. City College folks, many elected officials and members of the general community were there to welcome returning Board members Natalie Berg and Milton Marks, along with new members Chris Jackson and Steve Ngo.
- Faculty ID cards are available in the Wellness Center, Room 305. Many thanks to all those in Shared Governance and AFT 2121 for making this a reality.
- The state of California is in serious financial difficulties. Exactly how this will affect community colleges and City College in particular is still to be determined. Here are three things we can do to prepare for the coming difficulties at a time when our community needs us more than ever
  - Attend the March in March on March 16 in Sacramento. Past demonstrations have been credited with lessening the cuts to community colleges and this state-wide demonstration will show Sacramento that we are still here and won't sit quietly as our budgets are slashed. Please consider attending and encourage your students to attend as well. More information about buses and signups is available from AFT2121 (<http://www.aft2121.com/>).
  - It is on the entire City College community to look for ways to save, to be more efficient, and to cut costs. This is a time to be asking yourself how you can better serve the college, its students, and the community as a whole. As we go forward in the new semester and year, let us keep in mind that we are here for our students.
  - Karen Saginor is spearheading an idea for voluntary tax-deductible donations back to the general fund of the college. This will put money into the source of funding from which the whole college operates and send a symbolic message about what you want the state to do. There's a simple form available online from the payroll page of the CCSF website: [www.ccsf.edu/Offices/Payroll/Payroll%20Deduction%20Authorization%20Form.pdf](http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/Payroll/Payroll%20Deduction%20Authorization%20Form.pdf). Donations can be as small as \$5.00 per paycheck. It doesn't affect your retirement or your pay in the long-term and it's easily reversible. For more information, contact Huntsman ([shuntsma@ccsf.edu](mailto:shuntsma@ccsf.edu)), Saginor ([ksaginor@ccsf.edu](mailto:ksaginor@ccsf.edu)) or Shona Carter in the Office of Institutional Advancement ([scarter@ccsf.edu](mailto:scarter@ccsf.edu)).
- This Academic Senate congratulates Dr. Don Griffin on becoming our new Chancellor and joins in supporting him as the right person to lead the college at this time.

**B. Secretary Saginor reported that Agendas and minutes for 2008-2009 Executive Council meetings are posted on the Academic Senate website. ([http://www.ccsf.edu/Organizations/Academic\\_Senate/meetinglist](http://www.ccsf.edu/Organizations/Academic_Senate/meetinglist)).**

**V. Other Reports**

**A. Budget update: David Yee**

Yee outlined the process for the California Community College budget. The usual process is that the state chancellor's office prepares a budget proposal in January for the following fiscal year. This initial proposal is revised in May, and then goes to the Assembly for finalization and approval. This year may

not follow the usual process, and the news from Sacramento about our budget keeps changing. Statistics were presented in the form of a graph documenting that when unemployment goes up, community college enrollment goes up.

The news from Sacramento about this year's budget keeps changing, but the latest reports contain some possible good news. No student fee increase is currently proposed for 2009-2010, and there is a proposal to increase growth money. On the other hand, there will be no funding for Cost of Living increases, and the state will not supply backfill for decreases in lottery money. If budgets for California Community Colleges are not severely cut, it will be thanks to our early and strong advocacy messages. Sacramento is beginning to realize that we are part of the solution to economic problems. To reinforce that message, continue the advocacy through (1) participating in the March in March on March 16, and (2) supporting the Student Success Stories Project (email:StudentStories@ccsf.edu). A video was shown about this project on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOizosa5Kc> and you can vote for this project on Google at <http://project10tothe100.com>.

**B. Student Learning Outcomes: Fabio Saniee**

From our last accreditation visitation, City College received a recommendation from The Western Association of Schools and Colleges regarding Student Learning Outcomes. The Department Chairpersons' Council advocated for this process to be decentralized to the department level, and a work group has been formed with representatives from the administration, the Department Chairpersons' Council, the Academic Senate, and AFT2121. Goals include generating as little paperwork as possible, and approaching it in small steps. Spring activities will be a pilot for further development. SLO's relate to shifting the paradigm from teaching to learning. Our steps include creating evaluative methods, applying them, examining the results and revising the process. This creates a loop with which we can check what we are doing in an incremental way, thinking about what we are doing and documenting our process. In the next month, faculty should work together to pilot SLO's by focusing on one course or one program. In our bottom-up approach, the faculty will decide how to interpret the Student Learning Outcomes concept and create products appropriate to each department.

**C. AFT2121: Gus Goldstein**

Amazingly, funding for California Community Colleges is looking better at this juncture, but it's only at this juncture. This picture may change very suddenly. Leslie Smith and folks within the Union are continuing to work on this, and it's important for us all to contribute to these efforts. Please participate in the March in March.

Negotiating teams are now meeting twice a week to finish ironing out to finish ironing out details for our next contract.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Saginor, Academic Senate Secretary