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Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2005

MINUTES

PRESENT: P. Boatner, J. Ford, S. Haber, J. Hider, B. Jennings, P. Santana, P. Setzer,
D. Troy, S. Weinert, K. Wergeland, T. Zambelli
ABSENT: C. Lloyd, D. McGehee, T. Phillips, J. Reed, P. Thiss, B. Viersen
OTHERS: Cristina Chiriboga, Maria Mendoza-Bautista, Geraldine Perri

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CALL TO ORDER

Senate President Jan Ford called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Weinert/Wergeland) to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2004.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Report from the College President Geraldine Perri

Dr. Perri gave an update on the current enrollment figures stating that despite statewide drops in enrollment, Cuyamaca's enrollment is up 1.1 percent thanks to the outreach efforts (calling campaign, new schedule parameters, new schedule kickoff, counseling, etc.). The focus now will be on additional strategies to further increase enrollment. Cristina Chiriboga added that the changes in schedules and time slots have been beneficial and the strong recommendation from the Chairs and Coordinators is to "stay the course." Dr. Perri added that an ad hoc committee headed by Brad Monroe has been formed to address the preservation of the campus's natural environment during the construction projects and assess which trees should be preserved, relocated or replaced.

B. Senate Elections for 2005-2006

Senate President Jan Ford outlined the schedule for the election of officers and senators for the 2005-2006 academic year. The nomination deadline for officers and part-time senator-at-large will be Feb. 23 and the election deadline will be March 10, 2005. Jan instructed the senators to have their constituency groups meet and elect their senators for fall 2005-2006 by March 24. There are currently 4 senator vacancies (Exercise Science, Special Services, Vocational Education, Science & Engineering) due to job and schedule changes. According to the By-Laws, the Senate Officers Committee can declare a senate seat vacant after two consecutive senate meetings have been missed. At that time, the senate president may exercise the presidential appointment of senators-at-large to fill a vacancy. In addition, Full Time Officer-at-Large Tim Phillips is on leave 2005 spring semester. Jan requested that Past-President Pat Setzer attend the Senate Officers Committee meetings this semester in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

C. *Review of Proposed Revisions to Disciplines*

Jan Ford directed the senators to review the proposed “Revisions to Disciplines,” particularly those that affect their own disciplines, and provide input to her so she can vote accordingly when she attends the Spring 2005 Plenary Session of the state Academic Senate.

D. *\$100 Book Winner*

Jan Ford announced that the winner of the Academic Senate sponsored \$100 textbook reimbursement raffle was Jimmy Harrison, a Cuyamaca College engineering student.

III. ACTION

A. *Appointment of Election Coordinator*

M/S/P (Troy/Boatner) to appoint Chuck Charter the election coordinator for the 2005 senate election of officers and senators.

B. *Endorsement of the Self-Study Accreditation Process*

M/S/P (Santana/Boatner) to endorse the proposed timeline for the next college accreditation self-study (revised January 5, 2005).

IV. INFORMATION

A. *Equivalencies*

Jan Ford provided background on the compliance need for considering the newly proposed *Philosophy behind the Conversion to Discipline-Wide Equivalencies from Course-by-Course Equivalencies for Part Time Faculty*. Discussion was raised that granting discipline wide equivalencies might place chairs and coordinators in the position of having to grant discipline-wide equivalencies to individuals unable to teach all courses in the discipline. Tony Zambelli pointed out that this may affect the vocational disciplines more than the other instructional disciplines. On a related but different aspect of this topic, a suggestion was made that the senate recommend the need for discussion at the statewide academic senate of moving away from adopted minimum qualifications so that community colleges become more like 4-year higher education institutions. Jan recommended that the senators share the proposal with their faculty groups and bring input back to the next senate meeting.

B. *IS8 – Computer Systems/User Rights and Responsibilities* – delayed

C. *Title III Grant*

Maria Mendoza-Bautista, Title III director, presented the highlights of Year 1 and provided a preview of Year 2 of the Title III grant. Title III funding in Year 1 provided 33 faculty computers, 7 LRC lab computers, 4 faculty workroom/office computers, Title III staff, tutors, faculty stipends, travel, consultants, software licenses, and reference materials.

D. *Request for Committee/Council – Academic Accommodation Panel*

Jan Ford outlined the proposed charge and composition for a new committee that will resolve conflicts that have reached impasse between students with disabilities and faculty over appropriate accommodations when they cannot be resolved.

V. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

A. *Vice President’s Report*

Vice President Susan Haber distributed a sheet listing the college committees with faculty members and the committees with vacancies that need to be filled.

B. *Academic Rank Committee*

Paul Boatner, chair of the senate Academic Rank Committee, gave an update stating that the committee is ready to start issuing academic rank to full-time faculty members at the college under the following designations:

- Untenured full-time faculty member – *assistant professor*
- Tenured full-time faculty member -- *associate professor*
- Tenured full-time faculty member with at least 6 years of service to the district may apply for the title of *professor*. (An application will be sent to those eligible.)

The Academic Rank Committee will review applications for *professor* to make sure criteria are met and make recommendations to the senate on all recommendations.

C. *Other Reports*

Jan Ford informed the senate that there had been questions about the past practice of United Faculty giving reports at senate meetings. In recent discussions, the Senate Officers Committee members concluded that it is best to keep academic and professional issues separate from union issues. Jan has suggested that faculty contact Lyn Neylon directly regarding union issues.

ADJOURNMENT – Senate President Jan Ford adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Reported by Nancy Perry