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Regular Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2005

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Ford, E. Cárdenas, E. Cline, C. Elder, B. Elliott, G. Differding, S. Haber, D. Hajj,

P. Haro, J. Hider, D. McGehee, T. Pagaard, P. Thiss, B. Viersen, K. Wergeland, T. Zambelli

ABSENT: S. Weinert

OTHERS: Erik Berliner, David Detwiler, Teresa McNeil, Deanna Thompson

The Senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action."

CALL TO ORDER

Senate President Jan Ford called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Zambelli/McGehee) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2005.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Update from State Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session

Senate President Jan Ford presented highlights of the Fall 2005 Plenary Session of the State Academic Senate that she attended on November 3-5.

- The Executive Resolutions are posted on the State Academic Senate website. One adopted
 resolution of particular interest was on the topic of student dishonesty and options for
 disciplinary action.
- Academic Senate Institutes 2006, will focus this year on Vocational Education Leadership, Faculty Leadership, and Curriculum. Faculty members interested in attending can contact Jan Ford or get information on the website: www.academicsenate.cc.ca.us/Events/Events.htm
- The draft of the Strategic Plan for California Community Colleges prepared by the State Chancellor is ready for faculty to review. One concern of conference attendees was the apparent insufficient coverage of noncredit courses.

B. Update from District Board Meeting

Jan Ford reported on the Board meeting and provided information on two topics of interest:

- A statement from the League of Women Voters of East San Diego County addressed the
 value of community colleges and noncredit courses. It also affirmed that the classes
 provided to convalescent homes are valid and consistent with the mission of life-long
 learning.
- The Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) gave a report on the construction expenditures for the Prop R program. Escalating construction costs on current projects will impact future projects, resulting in dropping the second expansion of the LRC project. Cuyamaca student Rosalyn Johnson will be the student representative on the CBOC.

C. Update from Instructional Council

Jan Ford reported on topics discussed at the Instructional Council. 1) The campus bookstore management advises faculty to get class book orders in as early as possible. Having the book lists early will allow the bookstore to plan inventory of used books which means more money for students selling their books back to the bookstore and lower costs of books for the following semester. 2) A joint senate meeting was discussed. 3) There was a discussion among chairs and coordinators over the concern that a large number of classes were cancelled by instructors who did not follow official procedures the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This topic led to a lengthy discussion by the senators.

D. Update from IPC

Jan Ford distributed three versions of FTES comparisons for Cuyamaca and Grossmont and explained the goals, budgets and challenges ahead for the college. The District is working hard to develop ways to meet these goals. With community college enrollment declining statewide, it is critical for both colleges in our District to work together to attract students and to increase enrollment.

III. ACTION

A. Election Coordinator Appointment

M/S/P (Zambelli/Cardenas) to appoint Chuck Charter as Election Coordinator for the 2006-2007 Senate elections to be held in February.

IV. INFORMATION

A. Faculty Work Room

Jan and Susan Haber led a discussion about the faculty work room. Jan introduced Deanna Thompson from the Help Desk who described some issues such as increased usage of the work room and computer equipment.

M/S/P (Zambelli/Cardenas) that a taskforce be formed to deal with the issues of the faculty workroom.

B. Joint Senate Meeting

Jan Ford listed several topics for discussion at a joint senate meeting. Discussion focused on building professional relationships between Grossmont and Cuyamaca through topics of shared interest such as increasing enrollment.

C. Board Policies

Jan Ford stated that there are a number of Board Policies that need to be reviewed by the Senate. She will bring the policies to the Senate at the next meeting.

V. ADDITIONAL REPORTS - No additional reports were made due to time constraints.

- A. Vice President's Report
- **B.** Online Teaching and Learning
- C. Other Reports

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Reported by Nancy Perry