

Regular Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT: C. Bowyer (proxy for D. Riley), E. Cárdenas, E. Cline, G. Differding, J. Ford,

- S. Haber, D. Hajj, P. Haro, T. Pagaard, P. Setzer, B. Viersen, M. Wangler,
- S. Weinert, K. Wergeland, T. Zambelli
- ABSENT: B. Elliott, L. Neylon, D. Riley

OTHERS: Erik Berliner, David Detwiler, Kathryn Nette, Ingrid Tarikas

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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 M/S/P (Haber/Cline) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2006.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Special Senate Meeting- April 6, 2006

Senate President Jan Ford reminded the Senators about the special Senate meeting on April 6, to consider and vote on approving the Curriculum Packet for the 2006-2007 college catalog.

B. Schedule Kickoff

Jan Ford announced that the 2006 Summer/Fall Schedule Kickoff will be held on May 9, 2006, and asked the Senators to consider whether or not to host a Senate table and sponsor a student textbook raffle again.

C. College Hour

Jan handed out the revised, proposed College Hour schedule for Spring 2007 and asked the Senators to review it.

D. Senators for 2006-2007

Jan reminded the Senators that constituency groups need to elect their Senators for the 2006-2007 academic year.

III. ACTION

A. Naming the Science and Tech Mall

M/S/P (Setzer/Pagaard) to adopt the resolution in support of naming the new science and technology mall the *Wendell Cutting Science & Technology Center*. [Resolution attached to these minutes.]

IV. INFORMATION

A. Prerequisite Challenges

Counselors Donna Hajj and Ingrid Tarikas provided the Senate with background information and led a discussion on prerequisite challenges and enforcement as they are currently handled at Cuyamaca. Inconsistency in enforcement, lack of documentation and differences in processes and philosophies were among the problems mentioned. This discussion led to a request that a resolution be brought forth recommending the formation of a taskforce to examine the topic further.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Faculty Climate

Jan Ford led a discussion on changes in the climate among the faculty brought up during public comments at a previous meeting. Senators suggested ways to reinvigorate faculty unity and camaraderie on campus, such as faculty receptions and team building through Staff Development sessions.

VI. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

A. Vice President's Report

Vice President Susan Haber reported that Cathy Bowyer has been appointed by SOC to the Student Services Master Plan Committee. Susan gave an update on the work of the Academic Master Plan Committee and distributed a copy of the Priorities Summary for 2006-2007. The committee has been looking at what has worked well and what can be done to improve the process.

B. Tech Plan Report

Steve Weinert, faculty co-chair of the Tech Plan Committee, presented an update on the committee's work and distributed a handout displaying priorities, funding and a list of major concerns. The most compelling concern discussed was the growing challenge of the cost of maintaining and upgrading existing equipment while continuing to provide new equipment for labs and smart classrooms.

C. Staff Development Report

David Detwiler, Staff Development Coordinator, reported that the committee is planning a unity forum and plans to improve the program by using the Internet website for enrollment, directions and documentation to gradually make the process paperless. The committee is also pursuing changes that would make staff development easier and more flexible for adjunct instructors fulfilling staff development hours.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ezequiel Cardenas remarked that a meeting was held between SOC and Zoe Close of the United Faculty and efforts are being made to improve communication between the SOC and UF.

ADJOURNMENT - Senate Vice President Susan Haber adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Reported by Nancy Perry

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate Resolution in support of naming the new science & technology building the <u>Wendell Cutting Science & Technology Center</u>

WHEREAS, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate recognizes the significance of the sciences and technology in advancing the college's mission, vision, and values;

AND WHEREAS, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate also recognizes the untiring advocacy and support of Wendell Cutting on behalf of advancing science and technology education at Cuyamaca College;

AND WHEREAS, Wendell Cutting's advocacy and support for science and technology education at Cuyamaca College has played a singularly significant and unparalleled role in providing the means to build Cuyamaca College into a premier science and technology educational institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate supports the efforts of the Cuyamaca College Departments of Science & Engineering and Computer Information Science to name the new Science & Technology facility, the <u>Wendell Cutting</u> <u>Science & Technology Center</u>.