FACULTY SENATE
January 31, 2006 3 – 5 pm
Watsonville Center

Present: Antoinette Alderson, Rebecca Arnesty, Virginia Coe, Jennifer Cass, James Durland, Paul Harvell, Steve Hodges, Susan Hoisington, Jay Jackson, Janis Keyser, Dorothy Nunn, Rory O’Brien, Georg Romero, Dan Rothwell, Deborah Shulman, Barbara Shultz-Perez, Topsy Smalley
Liaison: Laflora Cunningham-Walsh, Renee Kilmer, Diego James Navarro, Marcy Wieland
Guests: Nancy Brown

1.0 Call to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm.

2.0 Roll Call of Senators
Spring 2006 senate membership was verified. Rachel Mayo, director, Watsonville Center, thanked the faculty senate for coming to the Watsonville Center.

3.0 Minutes
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 29, 2005. Motion carried.

4.0 Officer and Liaison Reports

4.1 Student Senate Report—Laflora Cunningham-Walsh
Laflora reported that seven students attended the recent CCLC conference in Sacramento and were invited to lobby in Sacramento. Automatic voter registration with Cabrillo enrollment is a current issue the senate is interested in investigating. The student senate is looking for additional senators and representatives.

4.2 Vice President’s Report—Steve Hodges
Steve announced that Rebecca Arnesty was elected to the position of at-large senator as a result of the run off election. Steve is working on a packet of information for new senators. Steve also reported on a recent field trip to Wallenberg Hall (a smart classroom/ technology in education showplace) at Stanford.

4.3 SEIU—Marcy Wieland
Marcy reported that part timers are becoming increasingly hard to find due to rising health costs.

4.4 Watsonville Center—Diego Navarro
Diego announced a potential new project that is in the planning stages—a mechanical trades center, possibly to be housed at the Library building if or when it becomes available. (Rachel Mayo added that skyrocketing construction costs would affect any new project.) There may be $2 million in development funds for this project. Tony Campos, 4th district supervisor is a proponent of the project. Program planning for the Watsonville Center is ongoing.

4.5 Treasurer—Paul Harvell
Paul reported that there are some new opportunities to lower textbook prices by forming multi-school partnerships. Interested faculty should contact the textbook committee. Paul also reported on some possible issues with our faculty senate accounts, specifically the “emergency fund.” Rory requested a follow-up report at a future meeting.

4.6 President—Rory O’Brien
Rory highlighted the recent personnel changes at Cabrillo (Dave Rowan and Cathy Summa-Ford.) There was some discussion to the faculty role in working with the PIO. There is currently no standing committee that deals with that area. Rory reported that the recent CLARUS focus groups went well and that they had good faculty involvement. (Renee added that we will be kept
updated and that there will be more campus visits by CLARUS.) Rory also reported that there was discussion about basic skills at the recent Instructional Council. Due to the increasing demands for basic skills classes, a basic skills committee will be re-formed. Rory also reported on the progress being made by the future space allocation committee. This committee will determine the process used to allocate the space created by departments when they move to new facilities as construction projects such as the student center and performing arts complex are completed. Rory also reported that the Enrollment Management Taskforce met regularly throughout last semester and has reviewed all of the input they had received so far. Next, they will begin reviewing objective data (including the CLARUS surveys.)

5.0 Action Items
It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Steve Hodges for a term as Vice-President. It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Paul Harvell for a term as Treasurer. It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Sue Holt for a term as Secretary.

6.0 Information Items
Two course remapping requests were brought to the senate Math ILC/MLC and LIBR203.

7.0 Items from the Floor
There was a question about the relationship between the Faculty Senate and the Cabrillo College Foundation regarding the Faculty Grants program and the financial health of the program. There will be some discussion about this at a future meeting.

8.0 Agenda Building for the Spring Semester
There were two topics brought to the attention of the senate for consideration. One is the role of “Online Faculty” at Cabrillo College. The second was a report by the Pew Charitable Trust that found that 50% of Community College students don’t finish their second year—Where are we? (and what can we do about it?)

9.0 Adjournment
At 4:585 pm, it was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn.