

FACULTY SENATE
February 17, 2004
3:00pm to 5:00pm, Room 1804

Present: Winnie Baer, Nancy A. Brown, Laura Dickie, James Durland, Carlos Figueroa, Paul Harvell, Bill Hill, Steve Hodges, Sue Holt, Jay Jackson, Yelena Krasin, Andre Neu, Dorothy Nunn, Rory O'Brien, Topsy Smalley, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Christy Vogel

Guests: Sesario Escoto, Jack Turner

Staff: Adam Cohen

1.0 Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2.0 Minutes – Review and approve minutes of December 2nd and February 3rd Meetings

December 2nd:

Page 2, 4.2, Paragraph 2, Sentence 2: Change “aw well” to “as well”.

February 3rd:

Page 1, Present: Delete “Mary Ellen Sullivan”.

Page 1, Present: Add “Bill Hill”

Page 1, 4.3: Change “Learner Outcomes” to “Learning Outcomes”.

Page 3, 9.0: Change “Sue Hold” to “Sue Holt”.

3.0 Reports

Student Senate Report – Yelena Krasin

The student senate announced that there will be a rally this Friday, February 20th, sponsored by CalSac Region 4. The rally will be in San Jose from 12:00-2:00 in Caesar Chavez Park. There will be a meeting after the rally.

The student senate is also preparing for another rally, the march in March.

Welcome back week will be postponed due to weather. The plan is to set up on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Amphitheatre, and Thursday at the Watsonville Center. There will only be music from 12:00-1:00 on Tuesday.

Student senate elections are coming up, please encourage students to be involved.

Vice President’s Report – Nancy A. Brown

Work has begun on a Cabrillo student community web page. The domain name, cabrilloforum.com has already been purchased. There is discussion on whether or not it should include a “rate your instructor” message board. The webmaster could edit out improper content.

Jay Jackson pointed out that there is already a “ratemyprofessor.com” and that there are many Cabrillo instructors already part of that web page.

Laura Dickie added that she doesn't believe there should be any editing or censorship of the student's posts.

Steve Hodges showed concern for liability issues. Hosting a site where people post creates potential risk. Also, because there are already similar existing sites, this may be unnecessary.

Jay suggested just putting a link on the page to one of the already existing sites.

We are preparing for the march in March and need to work in getting students involved. It's important to have the faculty at the march; however it should be a platform for the students.

Jack Turner spoke about three consequences from the last \$50 fee differential. It taught people with BA's and BS's to lie about their degrees, it hurt the foreign languages and occupational programs, and it didn't make much money for the state.

Nancy noted there will be a lot of pressure to lessen the amount we received from the state.

Sue Holt heard from a contact at UCSC that they are expecting a fee differential for students with more than 110% of units needed to graduate.

Nancy will report on FACCC's point of view next week.

President's Report – Rory O'Brien

Rory noted that we only have one representative on the Master Plan committee, one of the most powerful committees on campus. He encourages members of the senate to attend these meetings when possible. Upcoming meetings are on Thursday, February 26, from 9:00-11:00 in room 111 and Tuesday, March 20th, 9:00-11:00 in Room 111.

Rory wants your opinion on whether or not the faculty senate ought to have a seat at the table at the Governing Board meetings. This will be an information item at the next meeting.

The latest enrollment figures show that the percent of units attempted is down by 3.4%, the head count is down by 7.92%, and FTES is down by 3.5%.

Please encourage students to process their add slips.

The faculty senate is asked to provide members to serve on the Comprehensive Evaluations Committee. We need people to serve on committees for Sue Haas, Joe Nugent, and Dave Rowan.

Mary Ellen Sullivan volunteered for Sue Haas and Nancy volunteered for Dave Rowan.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Diversity Training

Rory brought up that there have been many complaints from across campus about the diversity training. The real concern involves the fact that former President Hurd gave a directive that all faculty members on hiring committees must have gone through diversity training.

Rory distributed a survey from Dave Rowan entitled “Diversity Workshop Follow-Up Survey”.

Rory advocates taking a one year absence from the diversity training requirement.

Sesario Escoto pointed out that there is a diversity standing committee that is different from the facilitators that run the training. The committee was developed at the advice of the diversity taskforce. The trainers report back to the taskforce, and take suggestions.

Rory asked, do we need to survey people to see if there is a problem, if we determine there is a problem, what are we going to do about it, and if our solution is to change the training, how will we decide what to change and how to go about it.

Rory asked the senators to discuss this with their divisions.

4.2 Membership Drive

Rory asked if the senate should raise the membership fees and then increase enrollment or increase enrollment and then raise the fees.

Steve Hodges suggested having a membership drive first and then see if fee increases are necessary.

He suggested sending out an all campus email about the membership drive, bringing it up during faculty senate reports at division meetings, and then seeing how everything looks.

This will be back on the agenda at the next meeting.

4.3 March in March Bus

The price to rent a bus is \$882.

Paul Harvell moved to approve the funding of a bus for the march in March.

Steve seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

5.0 Information Items

5.1. Great Teacher’s Seminar

5.2. At-large Position Vacancy

6.0 Reports Continued – if necessary and time permitting

7.0 Agenda Building – 3 Minutes

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8.0 Items from the Floor – 5 Minutes

9.0 Adjournment

Andre Neu moved to adjourn. Laura Dickie seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.