FACULTY SENATE
April 5, 2005
3 - 5 pm, Sesnon House

Present: Marcy Alancraig, David Balogh, Nancy Brown, Virginia Coe, James Durland, Paul Harvell, Steve Hodges, Sue Hoisington, Sue Holt, Andre Neu, Dorothy Nunn, Rory O’Brien, Georg Romero, Dan Rothwell, Deborah Shulman, Barbara Shultz-Perez, Topsy Smalley

Liaison: Claire Biancalana, Ben Corman, Michele Rivard, Marcy Wieland

Guests: Johanna Bowen, Jonathan Lightman (FACCC)

1.0 Call to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm.

2.0 Minutes
The members decided to delay considering the minutes of March 15 until the next meeting.

3.0 Officers’ Reports
3.1 President’s Report – Rory O’Brien
Rory reported that he and Nancy Brown will attend the statewide Academic Senate plenary sessions in Millbrae later this week. They will be absent from our next regularly scheduled meeting (due to a hiring committee); Steve Hodges has agreed to chair the next meeting.

Rory reminded the senate that the due date for administrative evaluations (solicited and unsolicited) is April 15.

3.2 Treasurer’s Report – Steve Hodges
Steve reported a budget balance of $3200. He noted that retirement party costs run around $4500, high enough that we schedule one party every other year. Annual spending tends to average 12% for refreshments at meetings and 77% for parties. There are now 103 dues-paying members, compared to 70 last year. He raised the question of how much the senate should contribute to the graduation party – $600 or some smaller amount.

3.3 CCFT – Michele Rivard
Michele reported that the college is considering a post-Labor-Day start for the 2006-07 calendar. She also mentioned that CCFT is considering a dues increase.

3.4 Student Senate Report – Ben Corman
Ben reported that the Student Senate supports the Transfer Breakfast planned for May by Marcy Alancraig and others.

4.0 Information – Accreditation Self-Study Process – Rory O’Brien and Marcy Alancraig
Marcy requested senators and others to participate in the accreditation self-study. Teams are needed for committees to address the various standards. Team membership should be decided by the end of the spring term, with work starting next fall. Our participation is key to influencing the implementation of SLOs in the presence of a new vice president of instruction.
5.0 **Action Items – SLO Letter to CCFT – Marcy Alancraig**
Marcy recapped a previous discussion of how best to assess the SLO process in order to comply with new accreditation standards. The idea is that the assessment process will be addressed by faculty on the self-evaluation form. Specifically, the proposal is that faculty self-evaluations be “required to incorporate assessment of effectiveness in producing learning outcomes.” Question 2 on the form can include a self-report on the instructor’s recent experience with learning outcomes.

Paul Harvell wondered what the consequence would be of not doing this. Marcy responded with the advantage of doing it – positioning Cabrillo to set the pattern for how community colleges comply. Claire Biancalana stated that the consequence of delaying might lead to a WASC mandate that all SLOs be measured in the accreditation self-study, and that all efforts to improve those outcomes be documented there.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve a letter from Rory and Marcy to the CCFT suggesting that such a sideletter to the contract be negotiated.

6.0 **FACCC Update – Jonathan Lightman, Executive Director**
Jonathan Lightman visited the senate to provide detailed information about (1) conditions in Sacramento, (2) proposed initiatives and their implications, and (3) the state budget and expected legislation. The current count of Democrats in the legislature is inadequate to pass a budget, giving Republicans substantial influence. Jonathan noted that the governor’s merit pay proposal applies to K-12 teachers and not community colleges. He discussed various proposals that would revamp state employee pensions and their union dues, the budget process, and redistricting, as well as one called an academic bill of rights for students. He brought the senate up-to-date on the budget, plans regarding Partnership for Excellence funds, the Prop. 98 funding split, and the prospects for community college fee increases.

7.0 **Adjournment**
At 5:10 pm, it was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn.