Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM.

Minutes

October 19, 2010 meeting minutes reviewed. The attendance list was revised and spelling errors were corrected. Senate moved, seconded and approved the minutes of October 19, 2010 meeting.

Reports

President (Steve Hodges)

Steve Hodges reported that he had been contacted about a grant opportunity (a Gates foundation grant.) Due to the November 19th deadline, however, he wasn’t able to discuss this with the Faculty Senate and therefore had to decline the offer.

Steve Hodges reported back form the recently completed ASCCC (statewide Academic Senate) Fall 2010 Plenary Session. There was a lot of discussion about new initiatives for “Student Success.” A statewide committee, with at least some faculty representation, will be formed to study a variety of issues related to student success, including changing the community college funding model, and be active next year.

Steve Hodges is looking for volunteers for the staff development committee, the transportation committee, and the technology committee. Sylvia Winder volunteered to be a representative at the staff development committee, no one volunteered for the transportation committee, and Beth Regardz will represented the Faculty Senate at the technology committee.

Steve Hodges reminded the Senate that it would only be meeting one more time in the Fall 2010 semester. Next meeting’s agenda items will include SB 1440, an issue with the minutes, and the approval of the next flex week calendar.
3.2 Vice President (Letitia Scott-Curtis) - reported that she attended a distance education meeting. There are difficulties with the transition to Black Board 9.1, and she recommend to schedule it as an agenda item for the future.

3.3 Secretary (John Govsky) - reported that he has been working on the Faculty Senate website. In order to keep information updated he needs information about who is serving on which committee, etc. Also since the membership roster is only to the best of his knowledge he has asked to make changes when necessary. Regarding the link to the faculty senate website, he reported that it is still not repaired.

3.4 Treasure (Lenny Norton) - no report

3.5 CCFT (John Govsky) - no report

3.6 CCEU (Rick Fillman) - congratulated the board of trustees for sending the issue of the structural deficit back to CPC, to use the shared governance process to agree on a target. CCEU priority is to bring back the Classified Prioritization process that has been on hold for three years. He reminded the senate that the Classified Prioritization process was one of the improvements cited in Cabrillo’s accreditation. CCEU believes it is possible to work towards a zero budget deficit without cutting programs, services, or employees.

3.7 Watsonville (Eva Acosta) - reported that parts of the Watsonville campus are under construction.

3.8 ASCC (Jospeh Gomez)
   3.8.1 The student senate approved $750 for the EOPS care program.
   3.8.2 Jospeh Gomez brought up a concern about the recent decision by ASCC leadership to not follow through (as expected) with the funding for the Leading Out LGBTQ Prom. Joseph reported that the ASCC had funded other, less important items such as a golf cart. However, the prom is now funded through private donations. Information, including a flyer, about the event was provided to the senate.

3.9 SLO Assessment Coordinator (Marcy Alancraig) - reported that the assessment review committee held its first meeting. Its job is to look at the results of each program and review it. She reported that there are ongoing discussions about the balance between qualitative and quantitative measures. Based on our experience, it would be for us to revisit our process. The senate will discuss our process (with the goal of process improvement) next semester.

3.10 VPI (Renee Kilmer)
   3.10.1 Renee Kilmer reminded the faculty Senate about the town hall meeting on November 17th, which will include an open discussion about the budget.
3.10.2 Renee Kilmer reported that there has been an issue with people that enroll in distance education classes with no intention to participate in the class, solely to fraudently collect financial aid. Faculty, specifically those teaching online courses, should be vigilant.

3.10.3 Renee Kilmer reported that the faculty senate picture will not be on the cover of the spring schedule of classes but in the inside wrap. The cover theme will be student success, showing pictures of faculty interacting with students.

3.10.4 The governing board meeting on December 6th will be primarily dedicated to a discussion of staff development. (This agenda item was moved from November 15th to December 6th, after the November 15th special meeting topic was changed to budget matters.)

3.10.5 Renee Kilmer reminded the Faculty Senate about the invitation to her annual Faculty Senate party on Thursday, December 9th.

3.10.6 Renee Kilmer announced the faculty grants awards ceremony will take place on Thursday November 16th at 4:30pm.

4.0 Unfinished or Ongoing Business

4.1 Prioritization and Faculty Hiring
The Faculty Senate was discussing the difficult language of the faculty hiring process that creates confusion about the replacement points regarding adjunct positions. The senate concluded that there exists a need and interest to form a senate sub-committee that is charged with focusing on adjunct points, accreditation at student/teacher ratio mandates, and clarifying some of the language. The committee will then report its progress to the senate at the end of the spring semester. It was moved, seconded, and approved to form this sub-committee. So far Renee Kilmer, Rick Fillman, Alex Taurke, and Dan Rothwell have volunteered to serve on the committee. Alex and Dan will co-chair.

4.2 Budget Update
The Faculty Senate agreed that the budget discussion at the governing board meeting was quite constructive and members of the senate had the opportunity to express their concerns about the budget, including the process that is used to come up with the budget target, and budgeted expense items. The Faculty Senate also had the impression that the governing board gained a new perspective from the discussion. Other concerns of the discussions were the unfilled positions that are part of the budget, deferrals, and the 50% law. The senate would like the “expense” numbers to better reflect known data if they are going to be used to determine budget targets. Steve Hodges thanked the senate for the discussion, and reported that he will be able to represent the Faculty Senate as a body at the next CPC meeting.

4.3 Disciplines List
The Faculty Senate reviewed proposed changes to our local disciplines list (first seen at a previous meeting.) After an explanation of the document, and a brief
discussion about the special education courses and where they are listed, the Senate motioned to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and approved. The discussion also showed that there is a need to have a future agenda item to discuss issues regarding the Geography and Meteorology programs.

4.4 Fall Elections Update
The fall election will be kicked off on Thursday November 16th. A notification will be sent electronically, and end up in the mailroom. After two weeks the nominations to date will be announced, and then the nomination period will be reopened. After this period the actual elections will take place. This fall election is for three Senator At-Large positions.

5.0 New Business
5.1 Student Success
Steve Hodges briefly described his impression of the “Student Success” movement that is gaining statewide momentum. Since this is primarily an area of academic senate purview, it is important that we take the lead in this. We will have ongoing discussion on this topic next semester.

6.0 Open Forum

7.0 Adjourn