

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL
Applied Arts Building AA-216 2:15 p.m.
Monday, April 21, 2008

Contra Costa College
2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, California 94806

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: Fritz Pointer (VP), Richard Akers (President-Elect), Dionne Perez (FSCC), Sue Van Hattum (NSAS), Alissa Scanlin (CLASS), Rick Ramos (Career and Technical Training), Manjot Pannu (MCHS)

Absent: Chris Tarp (Student Services), Ellen Geringer (Faculty Development), April Tisby (LAVA), Janelle Hope (ASU), Shondra West (Classified)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: There were no guests present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of April 7 were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ASCCC Spring Plenary Session Richard Akers attended the session April 17-19 and reported on Senate resolutions to the Council. He was impressed by and participated in the resolution debates.

Professional Development and General Development of Teaching and Learning There are possible funds available through Staff Development to attend local conferences or workshops with the condition that the attendee will present a workshop on the material presented. Richard would like faculty to try to attend the Leadership Conference that will be presented on June 12-14 in Newport Beach. Please go the ASCCC website for more information. There is a link to the State Academic Senate from our website.

Professional Relations Richard said that there is money available to part time faculty for working on Content Reviews.

SENATE STANDING/COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORTS Committee end-of-year reports were requested to be sent in via email. Richard also asked the Senate Council to recruit a replacement if they are leaving their positions on the Council.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN DISCUSSION: Richard recommended to the Council to read a document he received at the Plenary Session title "Promoting Thoughtful Faculty Conversations about Grade Distributions," written by the previous ASCCC president, Ian Walton. The Basic Skills Committee is requesting Departments to identify courses that would go along with other Basic Skills courses – e.g. Film, Creative Writing – e.g. ENGL 139/1425A, COUNS 110 and 120, and PSYCH 118.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no presentations from the Public.

NEXT MEETING: The next and last meeting of the semester will be May 5.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral