

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MINUTES

AA-216 2:15 p.m.

Monday, February 3, 2003

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

Present: Saul Jones (Chair), Fritz Pointer (CAH), Tom Murphy (NAS), Jim Ulversoy (HSPEA), Suzanne Huey (R3S), Emilie Wilson (MCHS), Deborah Johnson-Rose (Classified Senate), Judy Mays (Student Services), Liz Xiezopolski (FSCC), Ron Weston (Faculty Development), Quanikki VanHook (ASU)

Absent: Don Head (BSSAT), Mike Fernandes (Instructional Technology)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Quanikki VanHook was introduced as the new ASU representative. She is the current Black Student Union president.

STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Associated Student Union (VanHook) The ASU has been focusing on the budget and budget cuts. Letters to the Governor protesting the state budget cuts have been created and are available online for students to sign and forward. The ASU has been dealing with continuing clubs, committees, activities and elections.

Middle College High School (Wilson) MCHS will be going through Accreditation April 6-9 and would like to use AA216. **NOTE:** The ASC will meet in L1 for the April 7 meeting.

President's Cabinet (Jones) The Cabinet discussed the budget crisis. CCC is using the PFE money held back from last year for emergencies. "How to make cuts without having all the information" needs to be dealt with. PFE money supports faculty positions. Some positions may get March lay-off notices. Classified positions may be reduced. The current \$1.6 million operating budget is being reduced to \$900,000. It is being recommended to the College Council a 35% cut to managerial budgets, and 25% cut to all other programs. **NOTE:** ASC questions what the managerial budgets cover. Do their budgets include programs under their realm. Does that mean that some programs may be cut more than the 25%? Is it possible to find out what the other two colleges are cutting from their operating budgets? Saul said that the other colleges didn't spend their PFE money as CCC did. It was announced that the Cabinet would invite all faculty to attend College Council to discuss the college budget. One-hundred part-time faculty have been laid off. Faculty have taken the blunt of cut backs through salary cuts by the canceling of 149 classes. FTES cap is 6300. There is no money received for anything above that number. Mariles is in the process of preparing financial reports for each program.

Operations Council (Jones) Issues discussed included the proposed policy on Fireside Room Usage. The current policy states that the room cannot be used on the weekends or after hours for impromptu meetings. Operations is proposing to change the policy so it will need to be reserved through the Scheduling Specialist like any other room. **NOTE:** ASC would like the college policy pertaining to the use of all specialty rooms on campus to be re-examined.

Career and Technical Training (B. Williams) No report.

Classified Senate (Johnson-Rose) No report.

College Council (Jones) No report.

District Governance Council (Jones) Discussion focused on the 2003-04 California State Budget.

Governing Board (Jones) The Board meeting took place January 29. Discussion focused on the budget situation. The Board asked for discussion from the public. FSCC Chair Gay Ostarello, Union President Sue Shattuck, and students from DVC and LMC spoke. It was announced that Peter Garcia was elected president of LMC.

Council of Chairs No report.

FSCC (Xiezopolski/Jones) Discussion focused on the Academic Progress and Dismissal Appeal process. In the past, if a student was on probation at one college, they couldn't apply for admission to any of the other two colleges in the district. It has been changed to the student being able to apply only after being reinstated by the college they were dismissed from. The granting of Honorary Degrees was not discussed in view of the death of Sy Zell. SLO workshop activities and the Nichols presentation were discussed. A SLO presentation will be delivered to the Board later this semester. The discussion of a "Vote of No Confidence" for Chancellor Spence was voted against at this time for lack of documented faults directly attributable to the chancellor..

Instructional Technology Committee (Fernandes) It was suggested by the ASC to disband or seek replacement of the chair for this committee. There have been no meetings or reports this past year. The ASC concurs that it is important to have an instructional technology committee.

Student Services (Mays) The committee has been working on a proposal to change the current district policy on the Dean's List criteria. The proposal was distributed to the ASC. The reps were asked to bring feedback from their divisions to the next ASC meeting.

Current Policy:

Full-time students who achieve a term grade point average of 3.0 or above in 12 or more units of graded courses are placed on the Dean's List as a recognition of academic achievement. This honor is noted on the student's permanent academic record.

Proposed Policy:

Students meeting the following criteria are placed on the Dean's List as recognition of academic achievement. This honor is noted on the student's permanent academic record.

1. Full-time – Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher in 12 or more graded units per semester.
2. Part-time – Students enrolled in 6.0 to 11.9 graded units in a semester who achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher and have accumulated at least 12 semester units.

Faculty Development Committee (Weston) The workshop "Dealing with Tough Customers" was presented Thursday, January 30. It was very successful with the attendance of 22 classified, 1 faculty, and 1 manager. Staff and Faculty Development shared in the \$2,000 cost of the workshop. There is still no budget for 2003-04.

Planning Council (Jones) Saul attended the District Planning Council. The discussion items included the Program Review presentation, district trend data, SLO's, and enrollment planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision to the Graduation with Honors Policy - The revision to the Graduation with Honors policy was approved.

Students who attain the associate degree are recognized as graduating with honors as follows:

1. Honor Graduate – Cumulative grade point average between 3.25 and 3.74 in all degree applicable courses.
2. President's Scholar – Cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher in all degree applicable courses.

Whiteboard Survey Results - It is suggested by ASC that the determination of the use of whiteboards be made room by room, not by department. An interesting point made by the ASU rep was that visually impaired students have a problem seeing whiteboards. The faculty survey, distributed at All College, indicated that approximately 57% prefer to use chalk boards in their teaching rather than whiteboards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Faculty Survey - A focus group is needed to develop questions for a comprehensive faculty survey that would focus on academic and professional matters. It was suggested to gather faculty surveys from other campuses.

Discussion at the ASC brought forward the following issues:

- 1) Budget
- 2) Crime on campus (It was suggested to revisit the idea of ID badges on campus, being that 75% of the crime committed on campus is from off-campus.)
- 3) College Hour (Socializing as a community is needed)
- 4) Central meeting place
- 5) Faculty/Staff recreation room
- 6) Part-time faculty issues
- 7) Division Dean positions
- 8) Curriculum and Instruction

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral