

**ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL**  
**Applied Arts Building AA-216 2:15 p.m.**  
**Monday, May 4, 2009**

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

**MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Richard Akers (President), Leverett Smith (VP), Sue Van Hattum (NSAS), Eric Sanchez (CLASS), Luci Castruita (SS), Alissa Scanlin (SS), Rick Ramos (LAVA), Andrew Kuo (LAVA), Christina Baptiste (ASU), Shondra West (Classified)

**Absent:** Chris Tarp (Student Services), Ellen Geringer (Faculty Development)

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Michael Aldaco, Kenyetta Tribble, Donna Floyd, Joe Ledbetter

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:**

**Agenda** was approved.

**Minutes** of April 20 were approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Proposal for Enhancing the Granting of Advanced Placement Credit.** This proposal presented by Michael Aldaco, Admissions and Records, is intended to help our college be more attractive, especially among those students who take the AP exams. CCC presently only accepts AP Credit for MATH 190 and ENGL 120 and 121. Michael proposed new framework for granting course credit for AP exams. He would like conversation to continue on this issue.

**Food in Classrooms Policy** The Council reviewed the revised policy and approved it with slight corrections.

**Student Satisfaction Survey Resolution** Based on discussion with Mack and Tim, the Student Survey will not be sent out this semester.

**DVC Proposal to Change Board GE Requirements** DVC wants to increase the AA Degree requirements but transfer students would have to take 4 extra courses. Dialog on this issue will be continued next semester.

**What is a "program"?** There was discussion on what separates departments from programs and programs from units. The issue of whether a program should be its own unit and have a unit plan was brought up since the unit plan is part of program review and also be able to request budget augmentation money.

**COLLEGE and SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President's Cabinet** Akers reported that the committee reviewed Program Reviews.

**Box 2A** Akers reported the resignation of Lee Brelie and that the position will be returned to the same program.

**DGC** Akers reported that the DGC is reviewing its bylaws to determine its role as the District Budget Committee and that the growth cap will hit cap by next Fall.

**Website Team** Akers reported that he is pushing for an emergency button on the home page for emergency procedures.

**FSCC** Akers reported that they are asking the District for funding of the FSCC President position and that the District offered a proposal to increase the Academic Senates budgets but FSCC did not accept it.

**Governing Board** Akers reported the meeting was at the Brentwood Center and that mostly budget was discussed.

**SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN DISCUSSION:** Sue Van Hattum announced that she is retiring from the Senate Council. Eric complained about high school students in the classroom. These students need credit to graduate, but end up dropping the course too late for the college students to get in. Richard suggested the classroom strategy of assigning a research paper and oral presentation the first week, to weed out the students early enough for late enrollment students.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be August 17.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Lynette Kral**