



Senate Minutes

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
March 9, 2007, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Room 5305**

X	John Veres Biology		Greg Baxley Physical Sciences		Sean Boling English	X	Peet Cocke Fine Arts
X	Beth-Ann Dumas Lang. And Comm.	X	Walt Rehm Physical Education	X	Brent LaMon North County Rep.	X	Jane Morgan President
		X	Robert Schwennicke Math	X	Patrick Len Physical Sciences	X	Carina Love Learning Resources
X	Marilyn Rossa CCFT Rep.	X	Steve Hendricks Part-time At Large		Jan Gillette Human Development	X	Regina Reyes Counseling
	VACANT AS/DSPS		Jack Sullivan Business	X	Toni Torrey Nursing	X	John Knutson Performing Arts
	Kent Brudney Social Science	X	Gary Villa Engineering & Tech.	X	Larry Johnston Full-time At Large		Bart Gant ASCC Representative
X	Kevin Bontenbal Curriculum Chair					X	Lise Mifsud Vice President

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Is there any business that has representative guests or reports that need to be done first so these individuals do not have to stay for the entire meeting? Is there any business that requires immediate action and therefore, must be dealt with before any other business at this meeting?

Consensus Reached. Minutes Approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Presidential Search/Transition Plan

(Morgan 20 min)

Background/Discussion: Senators collected information from their constituents

regarding the Presidential Search/Transition. Has enough information been collected? Are we satisfied with the variety of responses?

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council accepts the information collected and supports the Academic Senate committee on the recruitment process to proceed and create a presentation for the Board meeting on April 4th.

Proposal red carded.

New proposal: Academic Senate will extend the deadline for collecting information until March 16, 2007.

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Minors on Campus (Beth-Ann Dumas / 15 min)

Background: Fall 2005 data show approximately 73,000 students under the age of 18 enrolled in California Community colleges. Cuesta enrolls an average of five to six hundred minors (under age 18, non-high school graduates) per semester, and between 200 and 300 in the summer. This number is increasing. Cuesta has experienced some issues regarding minors in the classroom. There is existing Board policy, but it is minimal. The Deans have begun setting parameters consistent with Ed Code, but the faculty need to implement and clarify a process for how lists of courses ineligible to minors are generated, and what the petition/waiver process will be for minors petitioning to take those courses. Additionally, there are other legal issues that faculty should know about. Currently there is not a faculty driven coherent policy, nor is there available to instructors a Senate created document which includes information regarding relevant legal issues.

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council shall establish an ad hoc committee to investigate, inform, and make recommendations to the Senate on the issue of minors on campus.

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted

Proposal: Beth-Ann Dumas Chair the Minors on Campus committee.

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted.

2. My Cuesta and the Academic Senate (Carina Love / 15 min)

Background: The Academic Senate website is out of date and we don't have funding to pay to have it updated. Catherine Werst maintains a Cuesta website for agendas of meetings that are required to be available by the Brown Act. MyCuesta is launching soon for staff and has space for posting of files, discussion boards, and links to relevant sites as well as a mechanism to send out announcements. A MyCuesta group can be maintained

by any group members with no specialized technical knowledge. Carina can set up the group and add the Senators as members. Senate officers, sub-committees, and others who are interested can add files, links, and discussions as needed.

Proposal: We post Academic Senate agendas and minutes to the public Cuesta site, replace the existing Academic Senate Website with a single page listing our mission statement and current senators, and move our working documents to a MyCuesta Group.

Proposal red carded.

New Proposal: Modify existing website to include agenda, minutes, and information intended for public distribution and move working documents to My Cuesta group.

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted.

The Senate would like the minutes to reflect that the administration provide clerical support to the Senate and would like to know when and where that will happen.

IV. REPORTS

(Total: 30 minutes)

1. Sizzler – (3 minutes)
2. Board of Trustees Meeting – (3 minutes)
3. Curriculum – (3 minutes)
4. Equivalency – no report
5. Faculty Professional Development – (3 min)
6. Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments – (3 minutes)
 - a. PowerPoint Available on the Senate Website
7. CCFT – (3 minutes)
8. Planning and Budget – (3 minutes)
9. Presidential Transition update – (3 minutes)
10. Board Policies (5000#) – (3 minutes)
11. Unit Plan – (3 minutes)- Must have by next meeting from Senate members.

V. CALL TO ACTION ITEMS

(Morgan/ 10 minutes)

1. Accreditation – continued input needed
2. Keep recruiting faculty to run for officer (President, Vice-President) and NC Rep positions – Nominations close at our next meeting.
-Jane Morgan nominated for vice president.

3. Management Senate – Faculty Senate Joint Project

Given the current climate regarding discussion of campus leadership, perhaps now is the time to discuss the lack of leadership training and guiding principles across campus. A new document could be developed that would serve as the basis for leadership “training” on campus (e.g. Division Chair Mentor Program, Grown Your Own Leaders Program, Senate President Training and Education, etc.). The current leadership training offered at Cuesta is “sink or swim.” The ASC has already approved a proposal that the AS leadership meet with the MS leadership to begin working on such a document. I’d like to

brainstorm on what some of the guiding principles for leadership are. Please think about this and come prepared to brainstorm.

VI. INFORMATION/ PENDING ITEMS

1. approval of the unit plan – next meeting
2. approval of the presentation to the Board of Trustees – next meeting
3. close nominations for officer positions – next meeting

VII. AGENDA BUILDER/ SIZZLER ITEMS

Are there any items/issues that anyone has that he/she feels need to be on the Senate Council agenda for discussion, or that need to be taken to Sizzler for answers/clarification? No discussion is to take place on items/issues at this time.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2007

Note: The second meeting in April is during spring break. We will extend the meeting time on March 23, 2007 to accommodate this.

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<http://www.academicsenate.cc.ca.us>