



Senate Minutes

**Academic Senate Council Meeting
February 9th, 2007, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Room 5402 (PLEASE NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE)**

X	John Veres Biology		Greg Baxley Physical Sciences		Sean Boling English	X	Peet Cocke Fine Arts
X	Beth-Ann Dumas Lang. And Comm.		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.		Steve Hendricks Part-time At Large	X	Jan Gillette Human Development	X	Regina Reyes Counseling
	VACANT AS/DSPS	X	Jack Sullivan Business	X	Toni Torrey Nursing	X	John Knutson Performing Arts
X	Kent Brudney Social Science	X	Gary Villa Engineering & Tech.	X	Larry Johnston Full-time At Large		Bart Gant ASCC Representative
	Kevin Bontenbal Curriculum Chair		Guest: Bob Miller representing Physical Education			X	Lise Mifsud Interim 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?

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. FW Grading

(Morgan/ 10 min

Discussion: Some institutions utilize the FW grade to distinguish between students who “earn” an “F” in a class and those who simply stop attending class at some point and subsequently receive an “F” grade. The distinction is merely a record keeping change as there is no difference to a students’ grade point average. This distinction would allow us to better understand subtleties in the “F” grade, and would allow us to collect better data about grades and make solid conclusions based on the data. Student retention and success rates, for example, would be based on accurate data collection.

A request was made to form an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate, inform and make a recommendation to the Senate Council on this matter.

Consensus was previously reached on the following proposal: The Academic Senate Council form an ad hoc committee to investigate and make recommendations about the use of the FW grade at Cuesta College.

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council elect a point person for this issue.

Proposal red carded.

New proposal: Ask the institutional research committee to agendize the feasibility of FW grading at Cuesta College and respond to questions the Academic Senate may have about implementation and feasibility

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Policies (5000#) (Morgan/15 min)

Background: Some Board policies may be outdated and therefore need updating. Some of these polices are the prevue of the Academic Senate. Some changes may simply be minor and/or reflect changes already made by the Academic Senate, but some may be more substantial (adding the plus/minus grading option for example).

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council allows the Senate Leadership to make minor changes to Board Policies.

Proposal red carded.

Proposal: The Academic Senate Council reviews the relevant Board policies and makes recommendations for necessary major changes.

Proposal red carded.

New proposal: The Academic Senate appoints a work group to review relevant board policies and make recommendations for review as necessary. This will be presented to the Academic Senate Council by March 9, 2007.

Consensus reached. Proposal accepted.

IV. REPORTS

(Total: 35 minutes)

1. Sizzler – (5 minutes)
2. Board of Trustees Meeting – (5 minutes)
3. Curriculum – (5 minutes)
4. Equivalency – no report
5. Faculty Professional Development - (5 min)
6. Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments (5 minutes)

- a. PowerPoint Available on the Senate Website
- 7. CCFT (5 minutes)
- 8. Planning and Budget - (5 minutes)
- 9. Legislation – no report

V. CALL TO ACTION ITEMS

(Morgan/ 10 minutes)

- 1. Accreditation – reminder to discuss with divisions the need for a faculty co-chair, writers, editors, etc. There is release time available.
- 2. 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 could 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

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: February 23, 2007

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