



Academic Senate Council Minutes
January 25, 2008, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Room 5305

X	John Veres Biology	X	Kevin Bontenbal Curriculum Chair	X	Steve Leone English	X	Peet Cocke Fine Arts
x	Beth-Ann Dumas N. County At Large		Jani Johnson Physical Education		Kent Brudney Social Science	X	Beth-Ann Dumas Vice-President
X	Allison Merzon President		Jen Sanders Math	X	Patrick Len Physical Sciences	X	Carina Love Learning Resources
X	Marilyn Rossa CCFT Rep.	X	Lisa Mifsud Part-time at large Rep.		Tricia Bramsen Family Studies	X	Andrea Devitt Counseling
	VACANT AS/DSPS	X	Jack Sullivan Business	X	Toni Torrey Nursing	X	Jennifer Martin Performing Arts
	Matt Vasques Lang/ Comm	X	Gary Villa Engineering & Tech.	X	Larry Johnston Full-time at large Rep.		Guest: ASCC

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. Approval of Minutes

(All) (5 minutes)

Proposal: Approve the minutes from the previous Senate Council meeting.

Minutes approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. TIME EXTENSION

(Merzon/Dumas) (10 minutes)

Background: It has been mentioned that many Senate agenda items were tabled in the past due to time constraints.

Proposal: Extend the meeting time to 4:30 and utilize only when necessary.

Proposal was withdrawn by Beth-Ann Dumas.

New proposal: Senate leadership has the authority to extend Senate Council meetings to 4:30 when necessary on the condition that the time change is included on the agenda posted in advance of the meeting.

Consensus reached.

2. (RE) ORIENTATION Refresher on Role and Responsibilities of Senate (Merzon) (10 minutes)

Background: This re- is meant to review the role of the 10 +1, use of the cards, address any recent changes to the way the Senate conducts business and responsibilities of Senators.

Proposal: Refresher on the use of the cards, 10 +1 and Senator duties will be presented.

Allison Merzon discussed the 10 + 1 and Cuesta's 7 + 5, use of the consensus cards, and the responsibilities of Senators. Handouts were available regarding all of those topics.

3. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION (All) (60 minutes)

Background: There are many important issues the faculty have faced in the past two semesters. In the hopes of being proactive versus reactive, and desirous of fulfilling the vision of the faculty at Cuesta College, and knowledgeable of the fact that there is a limited amount of time and resources, the Senate Leadership is interested in the direction that the Senate Council would like to go for the 2008 semester. Additionally, given the change in Senate Council leadership, an open discussion of current topics, tabled topics and future issues needs to occur.

Discussion Item: The Senate Council will itemize, prioritize, and discuss all tabled and recent Senate Council issues. Additionally, the Senate Council will provide direction to the Senate Leadership on issues for the Spring 2008 semester.

The Council identified pending Senate issues. See attached document entitled SC 2008ToDo.

IV. REPORTS (Total 10 minutes)

1. Sizzler (3 minutes)
 - **January's Sizzler with Ed was cancelled by Ed.**
 - **Meetings for Feb. are scheduled for the 12th and the 26th.**
2. Board of Trustees Meeting Report (5 minutes)
 - **Peter Dill attended in Allison's place.**
 - **The Board approved the Director of Professional Development position.**
 - **The next BOT meeting is Wed. Feb. 5th.**
3. Curriculum (3 minutes)
 - **Kevin reported curriculum will be dealing with Title 5 changes.**
4. Equivalency (3 minutes)
 - **No report**

5. Faculty Professional Development (3 minutes)
 - **Allison has met with Devon.**
 - **Allison and Marilyn Rossa have scheduled a meeting with Devon.**
6. Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments (3 minutes)
 - **The committee is awaiting further direction from the Senate Council.**
7. Minors in the classroom (3 minutes)
 - **Proposal regarding identification of enrichment students on instructor roll sheets will be on a Feb. Senate agenda. Senators are asked to discuss issue with their divisions/departments.**
 - **A final draft of the checklist for administrators to use during the younger-than-high school required enrollment interview will be completed in Feb.**
 - **The committee will begin work this semester on an orientation for enrichment students**
8. CCFT (3 minutes)
 - **The district and CCFT are at impasse in negotiations; a mediator has been assigned.**
 - **A full time faculty member on 40% paid leave (for one year) from Cuesta is teaching 3 distance ed. courses for Cuesta while being paid at the full time rate. CCFT opposed the full-time rate pay because the faculty member is not participating in division or college work. Since this faculty member was permitted to engage in this practice, CCFT will send an email to faculty advising them of their right to do the same.**
 - **CCFT thanked faculty who supported Keith Snell by participating in the walk when he turned in his keys.**
9. Planning and Budget (2 minutes)
 - **The first meeting was cancelled by Ed; Peter Dill, as co-chair, still plans to call for the meeting.**

V. CALL TO ACTION ITEMS

None

VI. 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?

None suggested.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2008

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Senate Spring 2008 To-Do List

1. Budget Issues
 - A. How will Administration make cuts?
2. Student Learning Outcomes
 - A. Disposition of SLOA subcommittee (Senate originally supported, but new committee members meant the committee needed further direction from Senate)
 - B. Liaison position—does the Senate want to pursue this position?
 - C. Placing “SLOs” in faculty contracts
 - What do we mean by this?
3. Standing Committees
 - A. Distance Education Task Force (Senate/ Union)
 - 3 proposals from last meeting (check SGC minutes)
 - B. Program Planning and Review Committee
 - Where are we on this?
 - C. Proposal that Cuesta should not have a Learning Communities Committee was tabled in Dec. of ‘07
 - D. Senate Council was asked to approve the Web Committee that was approved in Shared Governance Council. That proposal was tabled
4. Degree Changes
 - A. Loss of Transfer Degrees (July 31)
 - Curriculum is taking lead role
5. FW Grading
 - A. A proposal to form a working group of interested Senators and others as needed, to bring a proposal back to the Senate regarding the implementation of an FW grade option was tabled in Dec. of ‘07
 - B. “Quality of Education”
 - What is quality
 - Are happy college students the goal?
6. Professional Development Director
 - A. Policies
 - B. Committee and Senate Liaison
 - C. Senate goal and vision
 - D. ELIC
 - E. VPSL input
7. Minors (Enrichment) Students
 - A. Policy Development
 - B. Asterisk indicates enrichment proposal will be included as a proposal on an upcoming Senate agenda. Senators need to discuss in their divisions.
 - C. Faculty say for classroom enrollment
 - D. Home schooling growing
8. Senate Constitution and By-Laws
 - A. Revisions needed. A temporary task force was formed towards the end of last Fall with Steve Leone, Toni Torrey, Beth-Ann Dumas, and Kent Brudney, Chair.

9. Connecting Service and Teaching Faculty (Devitt)
 - A. Outreach and communications
 - B. Resistance from Administration?
10. Elections
 - A. Timelines need to be established
 - B. Election cycle clarified:
 1. Current Pres. & VP appointed to serve through August of 2008
 2. A special election to choose the Pres. & VP for the academic year 2008-2009 will be held this Spring.
 3. An election will be held in the Fall of 2008 to choose President and Vice President for the on constitutional cycle of the full 2 year term (Academic year F2009-S2010 and F2010 - S2011)
 4. At large Rep (Peter Dill) begins F2008.
 5. NC Rep. vacant; one year remaining of term, elect or appoint now.
 - C. Re-evaluate Senate Reassigned time
11. Book of the Year
 - A. When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka.
 - B. Publicize? Brown Bags?
12. Faculty Excellence Nominations
 - A. Due this Semester for fall
13. Basic Skills Initiative
 - A. Statewide Senate
 - B. Local Senate rep/ liaison?
 - C. Basic Skills Committee
14. Website Update
 - A. Volunteers
15. Accreditation