

**Academic Senate Meeting Minutes  
Foothill College Academic Senate  
November 27, 2000 2:30-4:30 PM**

**Members Present:**

Shirley Barker, Curriculum Co-Chair  
Bea Cashmore Adaptive Learning  
Robert Hartwell, Fine Arts  
Sandy Lynn, Physical Sci & Math  
Marilyn McDonald, Treasurer & At-Large Faculty  
Mike McHargue, Teaching/Learning Comm. Chair  
Greg McIlhiney, CTIS  
Richard Morasci, Language Arts  
Ron Oburn, PE & Human Performance  
Eloise Orrell, Biology & Health Science  
Dolores Peterson, Business & Social Science  
Irv Ploke, PE & Human Performance  
Larry Rouse, President  
Phyllis Spragge, Biology & Health Science  
Victoria Taketa, Counseling  
Charlotte Thunen, Vice-President & Library  
Bill Tinsley, Business & Social Science

**Members Absent:**

Rosemary Arca, Language Arts

**Guests:**

Dimitra Tzimopoulos, Student Liason

**1. Call to Order:** Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from November 13, 2000 and November 20, 2000 approved as amended.

**3. Approval of Consent Calendar**

- a. Charlotte Thunen and Paul Starer, Learning Communities Project
- b. Michael Loceff, Sandi Watkins TRC

**4. Committee Reports and Announcements**

**a. District Budget Meeting** – Marilyn McDonald

- Classified Positions: there was no faculty participation in the allocation of the seven classified positions budgeted for in the 2000-2001 year. The positions were all centralized, allocated to District.
- There is \$600K proposed in the 2001-2002 budget for ten additional classified positions. There is no process that requires participation from either college's Academic Senates on how the allocated money for the proposed positions is to be spent. McDonald asked if the Senators wanted her to continue to represent their concerns regarding lack of faculty participation in the process of allocating the classified positions. The Senate strongly urged her to do so.
- \$3 million One-time Block Grant: It has been proposed that 40% of the Campuses allocation of the Block Grant has been set aside for funding of new furniture and equipment for Measure E projects.

\$500K may be set aside for ETS one-time expenditures. The remainder of the grant to be divided between the campuses with the 40% set-aside held in the District. After discussing the issue of the 40% set-aside, the Senate confirmed its position that the one-time block grant money should all be allocated to each campus and each campus will decide how to use their funds.

#### b. Board Meeting – Larry Rouse

- Ken Horowitz stated the Board was violating the Brown Act – which does not allow for critiquing of public speakers.
- Sandy Hayes reported on the controversy at De Anza regarding Math 105. The failure rate for Math 105 is close to 50%. Essentially we are compressing a whole year of high school math into 12 weeks making it even more difficult for students who are having trouble with math. The observation was made that the students who do well in Math 105 are students who are already good in math.
- Willie Pritchard presented the implementation plans for ETAC. The Chief Technical Officer will be hired by Feb./Apr.
- The budget was passed.

#### c. Major Capital Construction Review - McDonald

- A meeting set for December 19, 2000.

#### d. ETAC report – Charlotte Thunen

- Part-time faculty will have voice mail.
- The new phone system will not have an email to voice mail capability for a while
- There are plans to hire a Communication Consultant.

### **5. Old Business**

#### a. Joint Senate Meeting (follow-up) – Larry Rouse

- There will be in-service training and staff development activities to discuss +/- grading.
- Concern was expressed by a faculty member that these activities not be “lessons on how to grade.” These activities will be more of a discussion of different grading techniques and not classes on how to grade.
- Some faculty members felt their integrity was called into question in relation to the consistency of grading.

#### b. Curriculum Committee – Shirley Barker

- The discussion of the implementation dates for Math 105, 103 & 104 has been tabled until the next meeting.

#### c. Faculty Green Sheet Book – Dimitra Tzimopoulos

- Senators urged Dimitra to talk to the FA President, Rich Hansen, regarding faculty evaluations by students before this project goes any farther.

### **6. New Business**

#### a. Ed Master Plan/Student Equity – Larry Rouse

- The Student Equity plan is a 1993 document. It has not been revised. The State Chancellor is pushing for an update.
- Larry will talk to Rose Myers and Larry Miller regarding the role of the Senate in the revision of the plan.

**b. Flex Day Brainstorming** – Charlotte Thunen & Mike McHargue

- Some ideas for the Flex Day included:
  - New faculty input on staff development services and activities they would like to see for the remainder of the year.
  - Academic integrity.
  - A Measure E update on how each division will be effected by the construction. Most Senators felt this had already been adequately covered.
  - Some members expressed the opinion that Flex Day activities should be for faculty enrichment, not college business.
  - Breakthrough sessions with colleagues in specific fields, guest speakers, etc.

**7. Committee Members and/or Ratification Needed**

**a. Administrative Evaluation Committees**

- 16 tenured faculty needed

**b. ETAC subcommittee members**

- Jose Nava – Instructional Technology

**8. Hearings** (none)

**The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.**