

Foothill College
Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2001, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Carriage House

Members Present:

Larry Rouse, President
Charlotte Thunen, Vice-President & Library
Marilyn McDonald, Treasurer & At-Large
Faculty
Rosemary Arca, Language Arts
Richard Morasci, Language Arts
Bea Cashmore Adaptive Learning
Robert Hartwell, Fine Arts
Sandy Lynn, Physical Sci & Math
Ron Oburn, PE & Human Performance
Dolores Peterson, Business & Social Science
Irv Ploke, PE & Human Performance
Greg McIlhiney, CTIS

Phyllis Spragge, Biological & Health Sciences
Kathleen Duncan, Biological & Health
Sciences
Bill, Business & Social Science
Tinsley

Members Absent:

Mike McHargue, Chair of I of I/ T&L
Shirley Barker, Curriculum Co-Chair
Victoria Taketa, Counseling

Guests:

Ann Paye, Angel Sierra, Kathy Perino,
Megan Elsea, FA
Kathy Adams & Yulia Khouri, Transfer

2:40 **1. Call to Order:**

2:50 **2. Approval of Minutes** – Approve minutes as written

3:00 **3. Approval of Consent Calendar:** No Consent Calendar to Approve

3:45 **4. Committee Reports and Announcements**

Board of Trustees Report - Rouse

The Board of Trustees meeting focused on Measure E items. In particular, John Schulze described the Monte Vista Fault, which runs through a corner of the Campus Center and as a result will probably be replaced in the next 2-5 years. The Monte Vista fault has a 20,000-year span since its last activity, nevertheless, it is considered to be an active fault. The recently installed elevator will have to be included in the demolition plans. The Child Care Center is also affected. FEMA and State dollars are available to assist with the demolition and reconstruction costs. The new Childcare Center location plus the sophisticated design may make building the Childcare Center prohibitive.

District Budget – McDonald

No new State dollars are anticipated in the Governor's May Revise. The \$63 million for part-time faculty has yet to be distributed and it has not been certain these dollars will be distributed on the basis of FTES. Contingency plans have been formulated with the target range of \$.5 million-1.5 million district wide (the latest information is a .5 million cut). Foothill is up 9% and De Anza 1%. Foothill's growth can be attributed to effective marketing and on-line courses. The 2.6 million in PFE funds has not been allocated and will fall to the bottom line and help preserve our system.

Roundtable – Rouse

Alan Harvey – indicated that a certain percentage of PFE funds for next year's budget will be held in reserve until we get a better picture of revenue versus expenditure streams.

This contingency reserve system will probably continue for a number of years.

Rouse reported that SB235 would as constituted threaten the existence of Faculty and Classified Senates. All references as of Friday April 19 to faculty have been deleted from SB235. FACC and the Statewide Academic Senate have elected not to support Classified Senates because to do so would intrude on the classified ranks.

Statewide Academic Senate – Rouse, Thunen & McDonald

McDonald reported that Accreditation standards will be streamlined to 4 standards – interested faculties are encouraged to get the details from Marilyn.

Rouse, Thunen, McDonald and DeAnza's Judy Miner gave best practices presentation on PFE that was well received. It was learned that many campuses do not have faculty involvement in the distribution of PFE dollars.

Rouse reported that Claremont Graduate University is proposing collaboration with the Community College Leadership Partnership. Linda Collins and the Statewide Academic Senate oppose it because Claremont is a private institution and the selection of faculty participants bypasses senate consultation processes. Given the energy crisis and projected state budget shortfalls Chancellor Nussbaum indicated that we should be prepared that no new dollars will appear in the Governor's May revise. He also reported that no dollars should be taken away,

Statewide Academic Senate Resolutions

Rouse reported on the status of the following resolutions: a) Plum's resolution to oppose SB235 because of its negative effect on Classified Senates was postponed indefinitely because the Academic Senate does not intrude on classified ranks; b) the amendment of the 50% law to include Librarians and Counselors on the side of instruction was narrowly

supported and only after a recount (McDonald reported that this is critical to librarian and counselors so that they will not become vulnerable to layoffs in attempt to comply with the 50% law, c) Patton's resolution to study Alternative Calendars and direct the Statewide Academic Senate to develop a current position paper also passed (Jane Patton is a member of Mission College and in conjunction with their sister college West Valley are likely to adopt a 15-7-15-5-5 calendar similar to San Jose, Evergreen, Santa Monica and a number of LA CC colleges). Kathleen Duncan asked the senate this time to look carefully at the issues and not just react. Phyllis Spragge pointed out the need to take into account accreditation requirements for vocational programs prior to implementing changes. Rosemary Arca indicated that Block Scheduling needs to be discussed which accordingly is popular with a number of students.

Nomination committee- Tinsley reported Rouse as President, Thunen & McDonald as Vice President and Mendrinos as Treasurer were nominated. No additional names came forwarded. It was moved and seconded to eliminate the meeting for candidates and it was further moved and seconded to approve the nomination slate. Both motions carried unanimously,

4:00 **5. Old Business**

Faculty Office Poll Results – McIlhiney reported that 5 faculty absolutely needed private office space, 2 will share 1 @ home, 2 own arrangements. CTIS Instructor/Counselor especially need confidential space (includes office-hours, phones, Internet and secured e-mail). Cashmore reported the work she and others in adapted learning make office space essential (Cashmore volunteered resolution). Moved and seconded to support Cashmore's resolution asking Alan Harvey to meet with every division impacted to talk about dedicated space, storage needs, etc. Motion carried unanimously. Rouse is directed to inform Vice President Harvey that he needs to obtain a more accurate counts of office space needs. Cashmore's approved resolution will be attached to next week's agenda.

4:30 **6. New Business**

a. Transfer Opportunities – Adams and Khouri – will be transferred to next week.
b. Puente Program – Hansen shared statistics from the statewide program, which show the dramatic and positive impact of the Puente program on retention and transfer rates. Puente has a 20 year program history and this is its first year at Foothill. Puente has three components: English course, Counselor and Mentoring. For example, the English assignments typically use mentor interviews. A popular misconception is that Puente students are ESL. In fact Puente students must be English 100 eligible. This year Fall

–thru- Spring 29 students participated. Hansen requested help in soliciting mentors that are consistent with three modalities: 30% college, 30% corporate and 30% community. Discussion ensued with Rouse asking why is a Latino student least successful in educational upward mobility. Morasci cited economic necessity and the lack of role models with advanced degrees as two relevant variables.

c. Faculty Hiring Committee Issues – Rouse reported that he will bring names of AA representative and the Division Chair so that composition with respect to gender and diversity can be better ascertained. A discussion ensued on strategies to avoid a house divided within a given division over committee composition in the future.

d. President's Award – Rouse distributed the nomination flyer with a reminder to submit nominations to Rouse or Hurd by May 11th for either the President's Distinctive Contribution or Faculty Excellence.

e. SB235 – McDonald provided Rouse with recommendations for perfecting draft memo supporting Classified Senates in opposition to SB235. It was moved and seconded to support proposed joint letter. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Other-Thunen requested additional division membership on the honor code update committee. McDonald pointed it is important to go forward even with a less than perfectly balanced committee in order to meet the Faculty Handbook Update deadline. Thunen also distributed new Foothill library databases that are now available. Tinsley reported on his recommendations for modifying proposed Academic Rank System.

Rouse adjourned meeting at 4:35PM