

Foothill College

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

April 30, 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

Mike McHargue, Chair of I of I/ T&L

Rosemary Arca, Language Arts

Richard Morasci, Language Arts

Shirley Barker, Curriculum Co-Chair

Bea Cashmore Adaptive Learning

Robert Hartwell, Fine Arts

Sandy Lynn, Physical Sci & Math

Greg McIlhiney, CTIS

Ron Oburn, PE & Human Performance

Dolores Peterson, Business & Social Science

Irv Ploke, PE & Human Performance

Phyllis Spragge, Biological & Health
Sciences

Kathleen Duncan, Biological & Health
Sciences

Victoria Taketa, Counseling

Bill Tinsley, Business & Social Science

Members Absent:

Guests:

Ann Paye, Angel Sierra, Kathy Perino,
Megan Elsea, FA

Kathy Adams & Yulia Khouri, Transfer

1. **Call to Order:** Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April 23rd, 2001 approved as amended.
3. **Consent Calendar:** no items
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. Meeting with President Fong Update: Rouse, Thunen, McDonald

Status of Journalism position discussed

Position will be in Fine Arts

Alternative scheduling

Do students come here because we start late or because we have great educational programs.

Block scheduling

Bernadine deems adoption likely, perhaps as early as 2002?

Plum commencement proposal

(Flex day to coincide with graduation to spur faculty attendance)

Will be discussed at joint senate meeting 5/21/01

Office concerns being addressed by administration

A/C is not optional. All offices will have it.

Larry Rouse acknowledged for his work in launching the *Sentinel*

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Faculty Offices: Rouse

A brief discussion from some of the division reps. Alan Harvey will update the Senate on May 7.

b. Commencement Proposal: Rouse & Faculty Association

Faculty Association reps explained the Plum Proposal to have the Senate spring Flex Day at the same time as Graduation.

Objections raised by Senators:

Academic Senate Day in jeopardy;

Inappropriate for flex day/last day of quarter not useful time

Misc. suggestions about commencement from senators:

Invitations to faculty from students

Faculty own their cap and gown

Late time at Foothill is a major issue

Possible change of venue

Don Dorsey invited to speak to these issues.

Action: the Senate resolved not to support the Plum proposal

c. Update on SB 235: Rouse

State Senate Education Committee voted 8 to 1 in favor of SB 235

Larry Rouse sent letter of protest to Senator Vasconcellos

d. Block Scheduling: Rouse (See above)

e. Alternative Calendars. Will be discussed at the Joint Mtg. May 21

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Transfer Opportunities: Adams & Khouri

Kathy Adams and Yulia Khouri spoke to Senate about transferring students

Importance of tracking transfer students

\$100 Drawing to help promote awareness and recruit "transfer buddies"

Hoping to enlist faculty help (classroom time for presentation)

All invited to advisory committee

b. Marianist Retreat: Rouse - Date changed to June 8, 2001

Senators whose term expires in 2001 were urged to hold elections and invite new Executive Board Members to the Retreat.

c. Recognition Gift: Rouse - Senate requested to approve \$250 toward student Recognition Gift. Several objections were raised: late notice/nature of gift.

Action: The Senate moved not to support the award.

d. Wine Tasting Party: Rouse/Tinsley - Senate **approved** an expenditure of up to \$500 for Wine-Tasting Party May 4, at Dr. Smithwick's house following Flex Day activities. Bill Tinsley offered to supply, without remuneration, an excellent array of wines. Thanks Bill!

7. HEARINGS -None

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.