

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Foothill College Academic Senate
May 7, 2001 2:30-4:30 PM

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:

Sandy Lynn
Ron Oburn
Irv Ploke - Dixie Macias, substitute
Dolores Peterson
Kathleen Duncan
Rosemary Arca
Charlotte Thunen

Guests:

Alan Harvey, VP of Ed. Resources & Instr.
Ann Paye, Angel Sierra, Kathy Perino - FA

1. Call to Order: Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C Minutes from January 29, 2001 were approved as amended.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar: No items.

4. Committee Reports and Announcements:

a. District Budget Update - McDonald: Foothill's productivity and FTES were above goal by 5.14% & 3.77% respectively. DAC continues to have a low growth in productivity and FTES (1.41% & 0.32percentage) The District is not able to recover about \$1.2m of growth money from the State, because we as a District did not make our goal of 3%.

b. Joint Development Group - Rouse: Joint Senate Session on May 21st will discuss alternative scheduling. De Anza will write a proposal on hiring committee practices.

New Plum proposal (proposed by Cathy Plum of De Anza's Acad. Senate) contains a mandatory flex day on graduation day, and alternating graduation times of 8:30 and 11:00 between the two

campus. The Senate thought 8:00 was too early for graduation. A discussion followed with suggestions for alternative times and dates.

c. Chancellor's Advisory Council – McDonald: The Chancellor attended the Community College League of California mtg. in Sacramento. The uncertainty of the energy situation has made the State budget also uncertain. The best that can be projected at this time that there may be a rebate to ease energy costs, a COLA on Partnership for Excellence and perhaps a 3.5% growth. The energy situation seems to have made it difficult for the Legislature to make any decisions about the budget. The problems are couched as the "3 E's" Energy, Economy & Elections.

c. President's Round Table - Rouse, Barker, Cashmore, McHargue.: Curriculum coming up with a list of 4 or 5 C's which will highlight what Foothill graduates need to have acquired to graduate (computer skills, communication, content, etc.) This list is being developed.

CTIS Lite's: a program based on Pass the Torch, but will have a ratio of 3:1 of students to mentor. This is more cost effective and should lead to team building.

Juanita Croft has won the Chancellor's Award.

d. Other - McDonald: The Senate received Thank you Letters from President Fong and the Foothill/DAC Foundation for the three \$1,000 scholarships.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Faculty Offices & Related Measure E Projects - Alan Harvey: Alan Harvey came to answer any questions concerning the renovation of faculty offices.

Each division will be provided with conference space and 8 cubicles.

Unshared, private office space is available for special circumstances.

It was suggested again to share an office with someone in another division.

Each new office will have new furniture and a new computer.

Each office will have a heating/AC unit, which allows independent control.

The center common wall between offices will be torn down to the studs and rebuilt with wiring and AC pipes (this is the wall that separates the three offices on one side of the alcove from the three offices in the next alcove).

b. Update of SB235 - Rouse: Rouse reported that Vasconcellos may be willing to amend the bill to allow Local Control in deciding who appoints classified staff to committees. Larry will take a delegation to Sacramento on May 11, 2001 meet with Scott Plotkin to explore amending the SB235 to allow for local preference.

c. Flex Day and The Thing - McHargue McHargue reported that from 45 to 55 faculty attended the morning session, with 25 in the afternoon workshops. Other divisional meetings took place on campus or off campus. 110 lunches were distributed. There was a mostly positive response to this year's Flex. Feedback sheets will go out to faculty. Tinsley reported that 10 bottles of wine were consumed at the Thing, and McDonald reported that 13 faculty attended.

d. Commencement Update - FA: FA arrived to discuss the Senate's position on the new Plum proposal on graduation. The Senate voted against making Graduation Day a mandatory Flex Day. M/S/C.

e. Committee Membership - Thunen: McDonald distributed the committee membership forms in Thunen's absence. They are **due** in the Senate's Mailbox **May 17, 2001**.

f. \$125 Matching Grant - New computer - Rouse: M/S/C to give \$250 to assist in purchasing a computer to recognize achievement.

g. Joint Senates' Voting Proposal - Rouse & Plum: The Senate did not accept the proposal of designating an equal number of Senators to vote at the Joint Meetings. Foothill will vote separately and if there is no agreement, we would agree not to agree.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Proposed Faculty Senate Childcare Fund - Rouse: Deferred

b. Committee Membership - Thunen: See above.

7. Committee Members and/or ratification needed:

None.

8. Hearings:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.