

**Foothill College Joint Academic Senate Meeting Minutes Draft  
June 4th, 2001, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Carriage House**

**Members:**

President:	Larry Rouse 01	Counseling:	Victoria Takara 01
Vice President:	Charlotte Thunen 01	CTIS:	Greg McIlhiney 02
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	Charlotte Thunen 02	PE & Human:	Irv Ploke 01
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Bio & Health Sci:	Phyllis Spragge 02		
	Kathleen Duncan 01	Phys Sci & Math:	Sandy Lynn 01
Business & Soc. Sci:	Bill Tinsley 01	Student Liaison:	Dimitra Tzimopoulos
	Dolores Davison Peterson 02		

**Members Absent:**

Mike McHargue  
Phyllis Spragge

**Guests:**

Larry Miller, Joint Senate President  
Leo Chavez, District Chancellor  
Rich Hansen, FA President  
Paul Starer, Foothill faculty

2:40 **1. Call to Order:** Larry Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:30

2:50 **2. Approval of Minutes.**

3:00 **3. Approval of Consent Calendar** No Items

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

**A. Campus Budget Update–McDonald** The Chancellor asked for a \$1.5 M budget cut District wide this year, instead of the original \$.5m to cover the steep rise in to identify the cuts.

Good news. The Lottery is \$500K above the projection, but Childcare is 70.00K over the projected \$100K. We are \$170.00 thousand District wide in the hole. We will get our money from the state Cola fund to pay this off. Foothill is budgeted to be over \$100.00 thousand. We are already underwriting a lot. Our budget needs to be approved by September 15, 2001 and our state budget needs to be approved by July 1, 2001. Politics and the energy crisis will probably delay the State budget.

**B. Commencement Regalia–Thunen/Rouse**

Bernadine may not be able to fund buying caps and gowns for all the faculty. It was suggested that gowns be purchased for only those attending graduation. On Friday morning, the last day of Spring quarter, it was suggested that each campus would have a morning ceremony. Some Board members could attend Foothill and others attend De Anza College (and rotate the following year) for coverage of both events. The afternoon would be free for division/department commencement activities (if any). Divisions would coordinate attendance by faculty, encouraging faculty to attend at least every other year. Commencement would not be obligatory. Will the commencement ceremony be accommodating to students, their families and the faculty? There was a request to have commencement moved from 7 p.m. to anytime earlier in the day? Gets cold later in the day.

**C. Master Capital Construction Review Committee-**

**Childcare Center- McDonald** The College has decided to go out to bid in hopes that the economic slowdown may lower the anticipated 1 M construction deficit over the State dollars allocated for the center.

4:05 **5. Old Business** (Joint Meeting, Larry Miller presiding)

**A. Process for Equitable Vote between two Senates- Rouse & Plum-deferred**

**B. Alternative Academic Calendars- Chavez, Rouse, Plum & Miller** It was agreed that faculty and staff will form a committee to resolve scheduling issues. It was suggested that we survey the students to find out their preferences for alternative calendars. It would take at least two years to change to another calendar should we decide to do so. It was mentioned that the perception that students come to Foothill because of our late start may not be accurate. It is more likely that they come for our programs and outstanding academic reputation.

**C. Foothill/Deans Senate Childcare Fund: Rouse**

Senate did not think this would work for Foothill College. We need to do some research to find out how many people need financial help? Who needs what? What is

the sliding scale? Call Kathleen Burson and other childcare centers to find out what other districts are doing.

**D. Modified Plum Proposal-re: commencement.** FA is proposing that the Senate mandatory Flex Day be discontinued thus reinstating Friday classes. Instead there will be 3 optional Flex Days to be taken for conferences (3 days possible) or division/dept. meetings (2 days possible) or individual plans (one day only). Faculty who does not exercise their flex day options will teach classes. Should this be accepted there would be an opportunity to start finals on Monday, spring quarter and have no finals on Graduation Day. The Senators are to poll their members and give the results to Rouse by noon on May 29, 2001

4:20 **6. New Business**

**A. Opening Day Theme- Parker Palmer/Learning Community**

**B. Search and Selection Committee**

There have been several problems with search committees. The District procedures have not always been understood or followed. There will be a joint senate ad hoc committee to study the problems.

4:30 **7. C. The meeting adjourned**