

Foothill College Academic Senate

March 19, 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
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
Dolores Peterson, Business & Social Science
Irv Ploke, PE & Human Performance
Phyllis Spragge, Biology & Health Science
Bill Tinsley, Business & Social Science

Members Absent:

Rosemary Arca
Victoria Taketa
Ron Oburn

Guests:

Bernadine Chuck Fong, President

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

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from March 12, 2001 were approved as amended.

3. **Approval of Consent Calendar:**

Dolores Peterson, & Max Davidson –Scheduling Committee (May be revised to achieve input from other divisions.)

4. **Committee Reports & Announcements:**

- a. **Board of Trustees** – Administrative Building changes were as presented by Alan Harvey to Senate on 3/12/01.
- b. **Curriculum Retreat** – Barker reported on the retreat and the issues they will address in the future. Primary purpose is to define “what it means to get a degree from Foothill”, which is more than GE requirements. Committee is also examining the course outline of record in terms of Title 5 compliance. Committee has not reached any closure re. The Basic Skills Proposal. The Senate is requesting that the committee make a report by May 7, 2001.
- c. **Roundtable** – Transportation committee has been formed to explore alternative transportation modes. Let the Senate leadership know if anyone wishes to join this committee.
- d. **JDG** –
 1. Academic rank was discussed. Thunen had done a cursory search and found 18 CC that use Academic Rank in their college catalog. This will be brought to the Joint Senate meeting in May.
 2. Chancellor asked the Senates to consider alternatives in the event of power outages, particularly in the shortened summer sessions. Issues: what alternatives can instructors use to meet requirements of class hours, testing, etc. when there is no

- power. These issues will also be discussed at the next Joint Meeting, 5/21/01, at FH. Block scheduling was also discussed and will be brought to the Joint Meeting.
- e. **New Middlefield Coordinator** is Judi McAlpin, formerly in the Campus Police office.
 - f. **Teacher Training Grant** – W. Hurd feels that Foothill has a good chance of receiving this grant of \$250,000 to identify students who wish to go into teaching, as well as to provide training and internships.
 - g. **ETAC issues** – e-mail addresses will be changed so that they will be consistent and easier to remember, i.e. first initial followed by last name or some other combination. Some senators asked G. McIlhiney to find out how they can report on problems. What is the process to get issues addressed, i.e. STEP is still not networked? In addition, can the expertise level of the TECH support folks be on a more experienced level, rather than at a novice/beginning level?
 - h. Other – M. McHargue mentioned a **Leadership Class** and he will distribute information to all faculty's mailboxes. McHargue will be representing the Senate at the Area B meeting, 3/30/01.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Academic Rank** –discussed above.

6. New Business:

- a. **\$48K PFE Proposal** to be allocated annually for the purpose of TAs who would assist on-line instructors with their ETUDES based courses was discussed. **M/S/C** to accept this proposal, thereby rescinding the Senate's previous recommendation to allocate funds in the same manner as was determined for the Poor Person's PFE.
- b. Chancellor Nussbaum asked for reaction to his proposal to keep the **50% law**, but to allow Colleges to avoid laying off librarians and counselors if they are below the 50% law by asking for a serious hardship exceptions from the 50% law.(After further study, the Senate leadership did not support Nussbaum's compromise because it sacrifices non-classroom faculty colleagues in order to save the 50% law.)
- c. **The Sentinel** sample copies were distributed. Commendations were given to Rouse and others for producing an outstanding premier, first edition.
- d. **May Flex Day** - McHargue announced it will be 5/4/01. A Draft schedule was distributed. Format will have various tracks: CATS, SOTL, Distance Learning, Learning Communities, Technology Van, etc.
- e. Fong discussed **Block Scheduling**. It is being considered to continue to attract and retain new students. Most Foothill students are from the San Jose Area and have a difficult commute - block scheduling should reduce their trips to campus. All Division Deans have been asked to develop a plan for Fall/02. When their plans have been reviewed, a decision will be made about possible implementation.
- f. **Measure E** is on schedule, with Fine Arts to start in 10/01. Any one-faculty group should not be displaced from their offices for more than 6 months. For those that are displaced, you can use your computer at home and buddy up on campus.

- g. **Easter Egg Hunt** – faculty asked about date, but many felt it was more appropriate for students to participate.

7. Committee Members & or Ratifications Needed: - None

8. Hearings: - None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.