

Absent:

Doli Bambhania
Michael Kwan
Verley O'Neal

Guests:

Alan Harvey

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Thunen called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes from March 25th was suspended until the next Senate meeting.
3. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:** Daphnee Small was approved for the Scholarship Committee and Janis Stevenson was approved to replace Preston Ni. Re: Shawn Towne's TRC.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**a. Meeting with Bernadine**

Discussion relating to the Tenure Review Process was the primary focus of the meeting. Larry Rouse will follow up with a possible joint district committee to discuss the process and possible changes before the Tenure Review process is negotiated.

b. Board Meeting

The central issue at the Board Meeting was the presentation by Alan Harvey on the new dimensions of the Foothill College campus and Measure E. The latest plans are available in the Administration building.

c. ETAC

Two major issues were discussed. Greg McIlhiney presented the concerns that centralization of learning technologies may not be working as well as envisioned. There appeared to be significant overlap and different directions on each of the campuses related to web site development and distance learning in working with ETS. De Anza has been discussing having Learning Technologies as a campus function rather than a centralized function to better meet its needs. The representatives of ETAC asked each of the Senate's divisions to report back on the impact of ETS' Learning Technologies on faculty instruction.

The reps also reported that it was difficult for ETAC to do a Program Review without priorities, funding and timelines in one spreadsheet. ETS has enumerated

the list of activities for each goal, but has not prioritized the activities, provided funding and timelines for completion.

d. Commencement Keynote Speaker

Problems with the committee process were discussed. By acclamation, Bill Tinsley will continue to represent the Senate. The Senate would like to have a keynote speaker, for the purpose of inspiring and motivating the graduates towards continued excellence.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Joint Senate Meeting

On May 13th, there will be a joint Senate meeting. Hoke Simpson, President of the statewide Academic Senate will speak. Other issues will include discussion of the maximum units/quarter, students can take at each campus.

b. Best Practices Model for CC Minors

Deferred until next meeting.

c. Proposed letter re: Board of Governor's President Richard Steib

Deferred until next week.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meet every other week/weekly on-as needed basis only

Discussion will continue at the next Senate meeting. All reports will be written and summarized. Discussion on the reports will only occur if there are questions or concerns.

b. Locals vs. Globals – reinvestment of revenues in services

The Wall Street Journal article was discussed and several Senators felt that faculty should have been aware of the facts before it appeared in journal print. Primary concern focused on the fact of accepting students who had not passed the required Toefl test. Many had experienced problems with English deficient students in their classes and in their programs, resulting in poor achievement and lack of resources and support.

c. Best Practices Model for CC Minors

Deferred until next meeting.

d. Spring Plenary Session Debrief

Deferred until next week.

e. Classified Employee of the year

Deferred until next week.

f. Measure E Update – input on proposed changes - Harvey

Input from the Senate was not sought. The architects developed the plans in consultation with Administration. Concern was expressed regarding the difference in the architecture between the campus and the new buildings. Traffic, and cross roads for the handicapped were other concerns as they attempted to arrive at the building with the elevator for campus access. Alan updated plans of how the statewide bond issue will impact the campus if passed in November.

g. Staff Development and Diversity

Deferred until next week.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS &/OR RATIFICATION NEEDED

Daphnee Small was ratified for the Scholarship Committee and Janis Stevenson was ratified to replace Preston Ni..

8. HEARINGS

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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