1. CALL TO ORDER: Rouse called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from June 3rd were approved.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

   a. Larry Miller was approved as District Senate President.
   b. Shirley Treanor was confirmed as Co-Chair of the Curriculum Committee.
      Confusion arose as to whether Shirley has a year or two year term remaining as
      Curriculum Co-Chair. If her term runs for one year, it was recommended that the
      position be opened to everyone at the end of the term.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Committee on Committees – Charlotte Thunen handed over the task of keeping the Committee on Committees to the incoming Senate Vice President, Verley O’Neal. The need was expressed to reexamine all of the Senate committees in relation to relevancy and shared governance.

b. Senate Agenda - The importance of keeping the agenda concise and focused so that everything on the agenda can be addressed was discussed. The decision for meeting every other week rather than each week was postponed until the fall quarter.

c. Senate Newsletter – The importance of the Senate newsletter in providing faculty with an accurate sense of Senate accomplishments and activities was discussed. Senators recommended that the first page of the Senate newsletter be devoted to Senate activities and accomplishments and resemble in content the FA News.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion with Bernadine Fong - President Bernadine Fong brainstormed with the Senate on how to make the Senate more visible. Bernadine complemented the Senate on keeping the “academic” in the Senate pointing to many accomplishments in the academic area that would not have been possible without Senate input and advocacy. The Senate will be in charge of Opening Day, and this will increase visibility. Other recommendations included having Senate seminars at the new faculty orientations during the year with Mike McHargue, at the Asilomar new faculty retreat and in publicizing more fully how the FA and the Senate have worked together to benefit the faculty through Tenure Review and Work to Contract. The need to raise dues to support the many scholarships, the pre-Commencement food and activities, the Computer System Scholarship award among others.

b. Discussion with Leo Chavez- Discussion with Leo focused on sexual harassment policies, the budget picture in Sacramento and within the district and the need for better accountability and student success interventions for students transferring, dropping out of FHDA, and to assist students in meeting the goals that they have for an education. Diversity and demographic changes in the district make this extremely important for the future growth and health of California’s society and economic supremacy. The possible restructuring of the regions in California versus districts was also a topic of discussion relating to the budget and autonomy of the two colleges.

Foothill Academic Senate Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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