

**Minutes – Academic Senate**  
**April 27, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Carolyn Holcroft-Burns, Tess Hansen, Donna Frankel, Don MacNeil, Ernie Schmidt, Karl Peter, Harry Saterfield, Tobias Nava, Mike Murphy, Sandi Watkins, Bruce McLeod, Rosemary Arca, Jordana Finnegan, Karen Kieffer Gillette, Shanan Rosenberg, David Marasco, Nicole Gray (FA Liaison)

**Members Absent:**

Dolores Davison, Jose Nava, Kate Jordahl, Dixie Macias, Katie Townsend-Merino (Cabinet Liaison), Denise Perez (Classified Liaison)

**Guests:**

Pam Wilkes, Judy Baker, Pat Hyland, Moshe Quinn, Bob Cormia

Carolyn Holcroft-Burns called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

**Announcements**

1. Donna announced that the CPFA newsletter is available. She reported that the conference was great and well attended. Some local elected officials attended to give support to part-time faculty. She also asked that the part-time proposal be an action item on the next Senate agenda.
2. Rosemary announced that there would be a “rubric float” celebration on Wednesday from 12-1 in the Administration Building Quad to acknowledge the hard work on SLO’s this quarter.
3. Bruce McLeod announced that Moshe Quinn was sitting in for Kate Jordahl who couldn’t attend the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Approval of minutes as amended from April 13, 2009, meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Consent Calendar**

M/S approval of consent calendar as listed below. Unanimously approved.

Site Planning/Improvements Measure C Work Group: David Sauter, Karl Peter

Noncredit Curriculum Committee: Najwa Jardali, Falk Cammin

Russell Wong Tenure Review Committee: Mary Hawkins (to replace Janet Spybrook)

Veterinary Tech Hiring Committee: Karl Peter, Maureen MacDougall, Phyllis Spragge

**Action & Information**

### **1. Elections Update – Marasco/Cornia**

Elections for part-time representative will be held during Week 6 of the quarter. Bob gave some history of the online voting procedures, emphasizing that the login survey prevents people from voting twice. He reminded Senators of the debate on paper vs. electronic voting, stating that access and accuracy are issues with both formats.

David said we need to rely on various modes of communication to get the word out to part-timers about the election. Senators are asked to remind part-timers of the opportunity to vote. Senators should give part-timers Bob's email as a contact.

One senator reminded Senators to clarify to part-timers that the campus wide id needed to vote is the same as the pay stub id.

Another issue was raised about having only spring part-timers voting when there are many part-timers who don't teach in spring and who might like to participate. As the guidelines for spring elections are part of the Academic Senate Constitution, we would need to have a constitutional amendment to open the voting procedures to part-timers not teaching in Spring.

### **2. Curriculum/GE Patterns – Holcroft-Burns**

Carolyn announced that the language and practices for "regular and effective contact" came directly from Title 5.

She announced that one minor change was made to the Lifelong Learning GE description.

One senator hoped that the curriculum committee considered whether current courses would fit the new patterns. Carolyn assured the Senate that this was a consideration and that the consensus was that defining the GE patterns was important even if that meant that some courses would no longer fit the pattern.

Carolyn announced that the plan for implementation would include a lifting of the moratorium on applications for GE inclusion. Any new courses will have to meet the new guidelines whereas current courses are grandfathered for one year.

M/S approval of all curriculum committee documents. Motion approved. One nay vote.

### **3. Committee Updates: CAC – Holcroft-Burns**

Carolyn announced that the Chancellor is sending an email with a link to the college website on current budget news.

The search is underway for an interim Chancellor. The district is also forming a hiring committee for a permanent Chancellor with the goal of making a hiring decision by the end of Fall, 2009.

There are plans for town hall meetings to give feedback about the qualities people would like to see in a Chancellor. The goal of the committee is to do lots of work in Spring to be ready to start the hiring process in Fall. The hiring committee will consist of 3 administrators, 3 faculty, 2 students, 2 community members, and 3 staff.

There was some discussion about the upcoming special election and whether anyone from the District was taking the lead on getting the word out about the ballot measures. Nicole announced that there was no clear message from FA about the ballot initiatives.

#### **4. Textbook Policy – Holcroft-Burns**

Carolyn announced that FA and the Academic Senate had worked together to create the joint proposal sent to senators with this week's agenda.

One senator raised the concern that the language of the proposal does not reflect the right of faculty to choose the materials of a class. Another senator expressed concern about how decisions are made when a department is made up of only one faculty member.

Carolyn said the goal is to have the textbook policy approved by the end of Spring Quarter.

Carolyn adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

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