

**Minutes – Academic Senate**  
**June 8, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Dolores Davison, Carolyn Holcroft, Tess Hansen, Donna Frankel, Don MacNeil, Karl Peter, Jose Nava, Tobias Nava, Mike Murphy, Sandi Watkins, Kate Jordahl, Bruce McLeod, Rosemary Arca, Jordana Finnegan, Karen Kieffer Gillette, Pam Wilkes, Shanan Rosenberg, Dixie Macias, David Marasco, Nicole Gray (FA Liaison), Katie Townsend-Merino (Cabinet Liaison)

**Members Absent:**

Ernie Schmidt, Harry Saterfield, Denise Perez (Classified Liaison)

**Guests:**

Pat Hyland, Jay Patyk

Dolores Davison called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

**Announcements**

1. Dolores announced that the search for Interim Director of Institutional Research would be delayed one week. Jose Nava has volunteered to be a faculty representative on the committee.
2. Donna Frankel announced that FA elections would be held in the Administration Building.
3. Pam Wilkes announced that the Marketing Department has the final version of the new web site available.

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Approval of minutes as corrected from the June 1, 2009, meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Consent Calendar**

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

Academic Senate, BSS Division: Eta Lin, Sara Seyedin

Buildings Grounds Committee: Kay Thornton

Interim Dean, Fine Arts and Communications: Robbie Reid, Linda Lum, Robert Hartwell

Interim Director Institutional Research: Jose Nava

**Action & Information**

1. **Educational Strategic Master Plan/Integrated Planning and Budget – Davison, Arca, Townsend-Merino, Patyk**

A plan for the Strategic Master Plan was presented to Senate to provide a broad vision for the campus and to devise a recursive process to put the vision into action. The process will be forwarded to Roundtable for approval. Katie asked Senators to look at the survey results on her website as they are very interesting.

For Institutional Planning and Budget, a plan was presented to outline the processes of resource allocation. The roles and responsibilities of each group were clarified. Katie told the Senate that attendance on these committees will be mandatory to ensure all are present for voting and discussion.

She also mentioned that evaluation of the process would be an on-going part of the process and not occur solely at the end of the academic year.

A visitor asked if people who had previously served on Roundtable could serve on these committees; the answer was yes.

M/S approval of both plans for Educational Strategic Master Plan and Integrated Planning and Budget. Unanimously approved.

## **2. GE Breadth -- Holcroft**

Caroline announced that the last piece of the GE breadth definition has been finished, and she is seeking approval from the Senate.

M/S suspend rules and make an action item. Unanimously approved.

One Senator asked if math and English proficiency are pre-requisites for all GE courses. Caroline clarified that faculty should put the pre-requisite or an advisory on GE courses. Katie announced that there would be a course-by-course analysis to see if there's a correlation between students' preparation level and success in the class.

M/S approval of GE Breadth. Unanimously approved.

## **3. District Mission Statement -- Davison**

Dolores announced that including the word "careers" in the mission statement is currently at debate in the committee. The rationale for keeping the word in the statement is that it's important to recognize career programs and their value to students. She reminded Senators that even if "careers" doesn't appear in the final mission statement, it is still included in the Foothill mission statement.

M/S approval of District Mission Statement as stands. Motion approved; 1 abstention.

## **4. Senate Budget -- Hansen**

Dolores announced that the Senate "B" Budget is small and would not roll-over to next year. She will bring the opening B Budget to the Senate in the Fall.

Tess presented the 08-09 budget and projections for 09-10.

M/S approval of budget. Unanimously approved.

#### **5. District Senate President -- Davison**

Dolores announced that the District Senate President for next year needs to be a currently serving or former officer of the Academic Senate. The term runs from October to October so the District President can assist with Opening Day presentations. The approval of the District President will take place at the first Fall meeting.

#### **6. PE Urgent Resolution -- Rosenberg**

Shanan announced that he would like the Senate to approve a resolution to maintain PE courses as credit courses.

Various Senators spoke in favor of the resolution, listing the positive aspects of PE courses:

- instruction in health, self-esteem, and team work
- courses are a CSU requirement
- courses emphasize the concept of scholar-athlete

Katie announced that in the preparation of SLO's, the PE Department approached the task with discipline knowledge, care, and thoughtfulness.

Shanan reminded Senators that recruiting students for sports isn't just recruiting for athletics, but that it serves to recruit for Foothill overall. Another Senator urged Senators to write letters to the legislature in support of the resolution.

Dolores provided some background on voting on an urgent resolution. She said that if there is new information available, there can be an urgent vote on the agenda. Senators are asked to vote their conscience.

M/S approval of resolution. Motion passed; 1 abstention.

#### **7. COOL Report -- Watkins**

Sandi announced that the current version would be amended with a brief introductory paragraph to outline the committee's charge from the Senate. She said the committee consisted of Sara Seyedin, Kate Jordahl, Michael Loceff, Alison Leikhart, and herself as chair.

Dolores and Judy Baker will meet to move on the recommendation made in the report.

Senators are reminded that one recommendation is that each division send a representative to the COOL Committee.

M/S approval of report. Unanimously approved.

#### **8. Resolutions -- Wilkes**

M/S suspension of rules to vote on all resolutions. Unanimously approved.

M/S approval of resolutions thanking the following for their service to the District, college, and Senate, respectively: Martha Kanter, Karen Kieffer Gillette, Tess Hansen. Unanimously approved.

Dolores adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Submitted by Tess Hansen  
June 15, 2009