

FACULTY SENATE
AUGUST 24TH, 2004
3:00pm to 5:00pm, Horticulture Center

Present: Nancy A. Brown, Christy Vogel, Rory O'Brien, Andre Neu, Jay Jackson, Dorothy Nunn, Sue Holt, Steve Hodges, Bill Hill, Dan Rothwell, Topsy Smalley, Laura Thompson-Dickie, David Balogh, Claire Biancalana, Deborah Shulman, Carlos Figueroa, Paul Harvell, James Durland, Marcy Wieland, Dan Rothwell, Ben Corman

Special Guest: Brian King

The meeting was also attended by faculty and staff who were participating as a Flex Week activity.

Call to Order and Introduction of Senators

I. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 3:15pm. Senators introduced themselves to the new college president, Dr. Brian King. Members of the Senate and other attending faculty and staff asked Brian various questions, during which discussion it was revealed that the first job he wanted was to play baseball for the Cardinals and that he had recently attended a Cardinals/ Giants game at the SBC park in San Francisco.

II. Reports

President's Report: - Rory O'Brien

Rory explained that the primary purpose of this first meeting of the academic year was to consider some initial projects and concerns of the Senate. He began by presenting a short general overview of the Student Learning Outcomes processes and criteria now adopted by the college. He invited all present to attend other SLO workshops. Laura requested that a link from the Senate web page to the Institutional Research SLO web pages be established. The second concern was to create a better flow of information between the Senate and the faculty. He suggested Senate emails to Division list-serves prior to and following Senate meetings. He asked the Senate whether they thought agendas should be sent to all faculty. The Senate assented to this proposal. Debra Bone suggested that the Senate could contribute articles to the CCFT newsletter, perhaps a regular Senate "corner." Rory stressed the importance of getting information from the "few division meetings that take place."

III. Action Items

There were no action items.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

Nancy presented a brief overview of Chapter Three of the California Performance Review as it pertains to Community Colleges. She discussed the exclusion of career/technical faculty from the 75:25 ratio, the restructuring of the role of the Secretary of Education together with the consolidation of selected state higher education agencies, the "streamlining" of student transfers from community colleges to the universities together with the suggestion that a potential savings of \$88,000,000 would be realized if students took fewer classes at the community colleges. Deborah Shulman asked whether

the “excess units” included basic skills courses that students might have needed to take in order to qualify for college level courses. Nancy replied that she thought that since these units designated as superfluous that they were not basic skills but she were promised to try to find out.

VI. Reports Continued

There were no further reports.

VII. Agenda Building

Rory reminded the Senate that it needed to take “another look at the Committee system” and consider whether there were ways to “operate more efficiently” in terms of getting information back from committees. He said that we would soon need to revisit the by-laws.

VIII. Items From the Floor

Dave reminded the Senate that there were issues around obtaining study rooms and testing facilities which should be discussed.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.