FACULTY SENATE
April 18, 2006
3 - 5 pm, Sesnon House

Present: Jennifer Cass, Virginia Coe, James Durland, Paul Harvell, Steve Hodges, Sue Holt, Adela Najarro, Dorothy Nunn, Rory O’Brien, Randa Roland, Georg Romero, Dan Rothwell, Deborah Shulman, Barbara Schultz-Perez, Topsy Smalley

Liaison: Dale Attias, Claudia Close, Renee Kilmer, Diego Navarro, James Unger

1.0 Call to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm.

2.0 Minutes
It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of March 28, subject to corrections.

3.0 Reports
3.1 Student Senate Report – James Unger
The student senate is working with other groups around the state to form a statewide Student Senate. The student senate is supporting Running Start, the annual Transfer Lunch, the OLA celebration, and a public forum on April 20 with panelists discussing events in Iraq.

3.2 SEIU – Dale Attias
The prioritization of classified positions is being negotiated. Dale reported that staff are pleased with the efforts going into staff appreciation week.

3.3 Watsonville Center – Diego Navarro
The Master Plan draft for the Watsonville Center will be presented to the Senate in September. The center will host the South County portion of the Reel Time film festival. The training center proposal is moving forward.

3.4 Instruction – Renee Kilmer
The Instruction Tech committee and three subcommittees are forming. Faculty representatives include Steve Hodges, Rick Graziani, Sue Nerton and Francine Van Meter. Progress continues toward having rosters, withdrawal reports and grades available online.

A new process, allocating space freed by new construction, will come up for Senate review soon.

Faculty are encouraged to apply for a Fulbright Scholarship to teach abroad at www.cies.org.

3.5 President – Rory O’Brien
Rory and Steve will attend the plenary sessions of the statewide Academic Senate in San Francisco soon. The hot topic will be a consideration of higher English and math requirements. Marcy will present an SLO workshop at the meeting.

The college will upgrade its WebCT to 6.0 for distance ed courses. Faculty are encouraged to attend training sessions at the TLC.

Gloria Garing will retire as Registrar the end of this academic year.
4.0 Information Items

In the fall there will be some process changes to avoid deadline conflicts. The committee is developing a streamlined format for model programs.

4.2. Leadership Institute – Renee Kilmer
Renee followed up on her original suggestion for a program to develop leadership skills, a program which could support faculty interested in becoming administrators. The Senate has an ongoing interest in recruiting faculty to Senate leadership. Georg Romero, Dan Rothwell, Barbara Schultz-Perez and Paul Harvell agreed to serve on a subcommittee to consider options.

4.3. Duplications – Rory O’Brien and Paul Harvell
Paul described pressure to limit course duplications on divisional copy machines and asked if it was educationally sound. Apparently abuses are happening and one case was described. Steve Hodges asked for evidence of the extent of the problem. Faculty are encouraged to plan ahead and submit copy orders to the Duplications office.

5.0 Action Item – CS/CIS Re-Mapping
It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the re-mapping of CS and CIS.

6.0 Items from the Floor
The first Basic Skills committee meeting was held, with 12 attending. The next meeting is April 27, 3-4:30 in room 511.

James Unger asked faculty to notify their students that April 27 is the deadline to apply as a candidate for Student Senate.

Representative senators were reminded that their terms are two years and that divisions select their own representatives.

Questions were raised about the scholarship decision process. There may be a timing problem for nursing scholarships. The matter will become a future agenda item.

7.0 Adjournment
At 5:03 pm, it was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn.