In Attendance: Eva Acosta, Winnie Baer, Dave Balogh, Janus Blume, Virginia Coe, Jean Gallagher-Heil, John Govsky, Steve Hodges, Calais Ingel, Renee Kilmer, Beth Ragardz, Dave Reynolds, Sylvia Winder, Dan Rothwell, Adrienne Saxton, Letitia Scott-Curtis, Topsy Smalley, Kayleb Spencer, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Alex Taurke, Lenny Norton

Note Taker: Kayleb Spencer

1.0 Call to order
1.1 – The meeting was called to order at 3:09pm

2.0 Minutes
2.1 – No minutes were approved at this meeting.

3.0 Reports
3.1 – President (Steve Hodges)
3.1.1 – We will review the 2010/2011 Academic Calendar at the next meeting.
3.1.2 – Fall Plenary Session in LA
   The Senate, in an effort to balance the need for good representation at the statewide sessions, and the realities of travel/conference expenses, plans to send two reps (President and SLO coordinator) to the Fall session in LA and three (also including the VP) to the Spring session in the Bay Area.
3.2 – Vice President (Letitia Scott-Curtis)
3.2.1 – At the last Distance Ed Committee, Francine Van Meter reported that, due to cuts in some GE course sections, that it was no longer possible to complete the “online degree” online. Talks with the deans regarding scheduling are ongoing. Steve commented that Francine would be invited to the next senate meeting for a distance education update
3.3 – Treasurer (Dave Reynolds)
3.3.1 – We have money
3.4 – Secretary (John Govsky)
3.4.1 – John reported that there is an opening on the Staff Development Committee.
3.5 – CCFT (John Govsky)
   3.5.1 – Nothing to report from CCFT at this time.
3.6 – CCEU (Janus Blume)
   3.6.1– Nothing to report; however, it would be greatly appreciated by the CCEU if we all do everything we can to help resolve the budget situation.
3.7 – Watsonville (Eva Acosta)
   3.7.1 – Nothing to report
3.8 – ASCC (Kayleb Spencer)
   3.8.1 - $2000.00 was approved for the GLBT community to send several students to the National Equality March in Washington D.C. on October 11, 2009.
   3.8.2 – The Student Senate Vice-President and one Senator-at-large were dismissed for taking bus passes without having paid for them.
   3.8.3 – LaQrecia Clarke, was appointed to the Student Trustee position on the Governing Board
3.9 – VPI (Renee Kilmer)
   3.9.1 – The Digital Bridge program received the Gates Foundation’s grant for $2.5 million. This also means that the previously awarded (but contingent on this award) grant for $900K from the ______ foundation will also be available. The Gates Foundation is very selective in which programs they fund. This is one of their first grants outside of K-12 education. This award may also make it easier for this program to get other grants in the future. The Gates foundation is funding several programs nationwide that offer “quick acceleration to college-level work” for students who are not yet ready for college.
   3.9.2 – Diego Navarro won the Community College Trustee Faculty Award
   3.9.3 – Renee announced that her annual Faculty Senate Holiday party will be the Thursday before finals, December 10th 3pm–7pm

4.0 Unfinished or Ongoing Business
4.1 – Budget Discussion
   4.1.1 – Steve reported that during his report at the last Governing Board meeting, he commented that he had a concern that units and programs might not have as effective advocacy as other areas of the college during budget discussions.
   4.1.2 – Steve also reported the draft “preliminary 2010/2011 budget” that Pegi delivered to CPC recently showed a $2.5M structural deficit, and thus he thought that would be the initial target for cuts for that budget year. During general budget discussion, it was commented that the revenue portion of Final Budgets tends to be accurate, but the expenditures are typically over-estimated and this may be due, in part, to the need to establish an upper limit for authorization purposes.
4.1.3 – Some senators missed the last CPC meeting (it was held in 804A, rather than the usual spot in SAC.) It was requested that signs be posted when the meeting is moved. Steve said that he would take that request to the CPC.

4.1.4 – Topsy shared her experience with donating to a specific support program, such as Tutorials, that she wanted to support. She stated that the process was not difficult, and she encouraged others to do so as well. You can pick up a voluntary deduction form and/or write a check specifically to the Cabrillo College Foundation to support many of our programs.

4.1.5 – At the same time that our budget situation is impacting categorical and other student service programs, the economy is putting more of our students in need of assistance. There was some discussion about what services are available, and how to best connect our students to the available services. The ECE department has compiled a list of support services for students, and offered to share this at a future meeting. The importance of Food Stamps was noted, and that that program was handled through the Fast Track To Work program. There was concern expressed on how to connect new students to FTTW, and to overcome the intimidation of asking for help. It was suggested that the Student Senate could form a liaison with the FTTW office.

4.1.6 – Steve commented that are many uncertainties in the budget, and that he was uncomfortable with layoffs “due to question marks in the budget.” However, there is a timeline for budget decisions. The basic timeline is to have a draft 10/11 budget by the end of this semester. The senate will continue to discuss the budget throughout the semester, and it is important to extend the discussion to as many of the faculty as possible.

4.1.7 – One theme heard throughout the discussion of “equitable cuts” and “sharing the burden.” These terms made some uncomfortable, as they are not clearly defined, and make unproven assumptions. Dan commented that there is no easy way of sharing the pain equally across all college employees. For example, a cut that may seem to be equally applied to all might disproportionately harm soon-to-be-retiring employees, or new faculty who are lower on the pay scale. What is equitable to one party may not be equitable the other party. The CPC reps stated that the question of how much should we really be cutting will be coming up at CPC? Two driving criteria are minimizing impact on students, and minimizing layoffs of college employees; however, “someone is going to get hurt.”

4.1.8 – It was noted that Bakersfield College did not make any cuts last year. Some colleges have on-paper reserves up to 20%. It was noted that at Cabrillo, even though we technically only maintain the minimum 5% reserve, has a large ending cash balance. This gives us a bigger effective reserve than many other colleges. Some
colleges have operations and own large buildings and rent out to large corporations. As part of the ongoing budget process, consultation of colleagues at other campuses is important. It was stated that most campuses are taking budget cuts from 1-5%.

4.1.9 – At the last Governing Board meeting, some students and alumni spoke out against the cut to the Chinese 2 course that would have been scheduled for next (Spring) semester. It was noted that the Chinese courses are new, and had been created based on the perceived need for such, including more exchanges with students from China. The courses are not part of a Chinese program. Both Chinese 1 and Chinese 2 are transferable courses. The course was cancelled due to the budget crisis and low enrollment compared to other foreign language courses. It was also stated that Chinese 2 classes have been full. This discrepancy may be due to the timing of the measurement. The division reported that they would like to offer at least one additional Chinese 1 section in order to build enrollment so that Chinese 2 can be re-introduced when the situation allows.

5.0 New Business
5.1 Dave Reynolds, Treasurer for the Faculty Senate, kicked off our membership drive by setting a rough estimate of the need for two new dues-paying member for each senator. Dave provided lists of non dues-paying members that the senate divided amongst the most appropriate contacts.

6.0 Open Forum and Agenda Building
6.1 – We’ll have an election coming up in November for at-large senators. Also coming up later in the semester, the senate will begin to review some revised ARs and BPs.

7.0 Adjourn
7.1 – Meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm