

Minutes

Yuba College Academic Senate

March 16, 2006

Present: Althausen, Ng, Shivers, Galamba, Heaton, Katanic, Rubiales, Schoenherr and Kitchen

Absent: May, Nickolson, Parsafar, Correa, Willson

Guest: L. Staffero, L. Gomez

1. Meeting was called to order by President Rubiales at 12:05
2. Minutes of March 9 were approved with corrections.
 - a. Jim Kitchen and Bob Schoenherr volunteered to be on the senate election committee
 - b. David stated to send suggestions to the site council regarding ways to improve graduation night and ceremony.
3. Presidents Report
 - a. Meetings Attended
 - i. District Council had been discussing the fall convocation for full time staff. They were concern that the part time convocation had been the same with no changes. Woodland and Lake representatives stated that it is different each semester according to the needs of the campuses.
 - ii. Board Meeting Wednesday March 15, 2006.
 1. Approval of the five tenured faculty
 2. Chancellor Harrington and board said the tenure process is a very positive experience for the district and is a much better process than before
4. Vice-President Report – Work on equivalency continues, the automotive division turned down a request from an applicant who was not in passion of an associates degree. The procedure will continue to be improved.
 - a. The minimum qualification lists is due for review. It was decided that it become an agenda item the next senate meeting.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Committees – even though this committee was disband during the March 9 senate meeting, it was decided they need to report back to senate in person with their finding.
 - b. Calendar Committee – It was discussed how the senate representative needs to report back to the senate. This would make such changes as the campus closures much smoother for the college communities.
 - i. It was asked if an alternative schedule calendar was still under study. Rubiales commented that this may be dropped due to the problems that Sierra College is having with their schedule. The chancellors office could possible not pay Sierra College some of their FTE due to their schedule changes. Heaton commented during a math conference meeting at Sierra how difficult it was for math students and instructors to take or deliver math classes. A discussion followed by senators about the Yuba College schedule and how it needs to be improved.
 1. Yuba College has always posted their schedule after surrounding colleges have posted theirs.

2. Centralize the scheduling so all class are coordinated.
3. Tighten the schedules to make them more efficient for the students.
4. Return the schedule back to instruction.

6. Galamba was requested by the Woodland faculty to have the senate review the policy on the use of a non tenured full time faculty member as an EEO on hiring committee. Discussion followed
 - a. George expressed that the Woodland faculty felt it was insulting to non-tenured faculty.
 - b. Linda Staffaro, stated that the YCFA contract has no provision either way.
 - c. Due to the need for hiring's to be considered district wide it is important that the senate take the lead in protecting all faculty and make these appointments
 - d. After much discussion it was deemed to be dangerous as they could be swayed by a dean on a committee should they be inclined.
 - e. Latitia Gomez stated that many EEOs are still not trained properly
 - f. Shivers made a motion that the senate recommends that all members of a full time faculty hiring committee be Tenured. It was seconded by Katanic Motion passed 5-3 Senator Galamba wanted it noted that he voted no for this motion.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:57

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