

Yuba Community College District  
**Academic Senate**  
M I N U T E S  
November 15, 2007

**Senators Present:** Rubiales (Chair), Nickolson (Vice Chair), Abele, Althausen, Boren, Canto-Lugo, Galamba, Gomez, Heaton, Kemble, Kitchen, May, Morgan, Willson.

**Guests:** Jensen, Lowe

1. Meeting began at 12. Minutes of the November 8 meeting were approved.
2. Presidents Report: Rubiales polled Senators to verify adequate attendance for the next Forum. A consensus was reached that the Forum for November 30 be delayed. The next Senate meeting will be November 29.
3. Rubiales reported that YCFA had signed off on an academic calendar for the 2008. The calendar calls for Veteran's on November 11, three days at Thanksgiving, and two three-day holidays in February. Spring Break will be March 23-27.
4. The issue of on-line companies publishing profiles that reveal instructor grading patterns was discussed. The issue is whether the District will comply in releasing grade information by request to those who cite Public Information Act provisions. Jensen relayed that YCFA is going to strongly oppose the release of any such information, based on a legal opinion that such an action is a violation of academic freedom, the Ed Code, and protection for instructor's employability. A Senate resolution was passed unanimously that strongly endorses YCFA's opposition to the release of information that will allow grade profiles of individual instructors.
5. The current information from the administration is that up to 20 new positions will be filled for the next academic year, split evenly between Marysville and Woodland.
6. Rubiales reported that the District is prepared to provide monetary and clerical support for the Crossing Borders Lecture Program. Neelam Canto-Lugo has run the program all these years with a very limited budget as a service to the District. When Neelam retires, the District is committed to the continuance of the lecture series.
7. The new Online Instructor Education Form was formally endorsed by the Senate.
8. The Grade Change Policy for the District is now this: all grade changes after the conclusion of a semester must come to the Academic Senate. No student grades will be changed without the knowledge and consent of the Academic Senate. The Senate is to decide whether all such grade adjudication questions will be handled by a subcommittee.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m

