

Academic Senate Yuba College
MINUTES
March 12, 2009

Present: Nickolson, May, Boren, Buckley, Canto-Lugo, Davidson, Devries, Heaton, Kitchen, Morgan, Ramsey.

Absent: Kemble, Willson.

1. Meeting called to order at 12.
2. Agenda, minutes of previous meeting approved.
3. Marylou Brown gave a 20 minute presentation on information that instructors should know concerning the bookstore. Brown reviewed the due dates for books orders: March 15 (Summer Semester); April 15 (Fall Semester); October 15 (Spring Semester.) She encouraged all faculty to explore the efollet.com website, particularly for information about the availability and procedures for ordering e books. She explained that it is to the benefit of students to use Follet as opposed to online book ordering since financial aid checks can be applied to Follet book purchases, because a commission on all sales goes back to the college, and because service is available if something is amiss with the book order. Brown explained that a “Book Now” program is now available to students at the time that they register. Students are provided online the title and author of the text they will be using for classes. Senators wanted to know why the ISBN number is not given to students, as it is at other colleges, such as Butte. The response is that many different ISBN numbers for different bundles are assigned; one number may present misinformation. The question was asked: could the instructor take the responsibility for determining the correct ISBN and make sure information services relays that number to the student in the “Book Now” program? Brown reviewed the advantages to the students of e books and again encouraged all instructors to come over to the bookstore and investigate e book options or go on the efollet website and do the same.
4. Canto-Lugo again reminded the Senate that Flex will need a coordinator for next year and that procedures relative to the advisory committee need to be discussed.
5. Nickolson emphasized in her report the current problem relative to the Board of Trustees: that they have not adhered to the 1994 agreement with the Senate regarding specifying for which governance areas it will rely primary on the expertise of the Senate. With the recent tenure reversal decision, the Board reversed the Senate decision, did not consult with it, and did not inform the Senate President after the fact.
6. In discussion after the President’s report, Senators were encouraged to take action in response to the Board actions. Several senators mentioned the option of disbanding all Senate committees. In further discussion, the issue was raised of exactly who the Board designee to the Senate is. Further clarification is needed from the Board and Chancellor.
7. Senators agreed that we needed to call a special meeting to respond to the Board’s failure to adhere to established Board Policies and to its disregard for the

authority of the Academic Senate. The meeting was set for Thursday, March 19 at 12, with the room TBA.

8. Meeting was adjourned by Nickolson at 1 p.m.

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