

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
Special Meeting: Friday, April 13

Senators Present: Rubiales (Chair), Nickolson (Vice Chair), Althausen, Canto-Lugo, Galamba, Gomez, Heaton, May, Ng-Hale, Schoenherr, Willson.
Senators Absent: Correa, Kitchen.
Guests: Lowe, Mendoza. Michel.

1. Rubiales called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The purpose of the meeting, Rubiales explained, was to discuss further the plan for the transition of the District Committee Structure to a multi-college system. Lowe explained that the WASC accreditation team will visit Yuba in April, 2008. WASC has stated that a transitional plan for our committee structure must be in place one year prior to next accreditation visit. Mendoza clarified that the transition plan did not come from District Council, as stated in an earlier Senate meeting; it was a part of the Multi-College plan. Mendoza assured Senators that the transition will have no negative impact upon students. Gomez said her concern remains the lack of communication between the Administration and the Senate, the absence of a shared governance process, and the very real possibility that the hasty transition will mean that student matriculation and services will be adversely affected. Other Senators emphasized that while faculty share the administrative goals for a successful outcome, the process remains problematic. Michel stated that the transition process with the Curriculum Committee has been shared and well planned. With some committees, Michel stated, the Senate has delegated authority for planning, and the problem is the lack of communication between the committee and the Senate—not necessarily the administration and faculty. Mendoza said that draft statements of purpose for the evolving committees should be shared with the Senate leadership, then a process of dialogue and consultation should be followed that includes broad representation from faculty and administration.
3. After further discussion, two motions were passed:
 - A. **Resolved, that during the transition to a multi-college District, all committees under the purview of the Senate shall submit any revised purpose statements to that Senate and keep the Senate apprised of any transition issues that may affect faculty and students.** (Gomez, Canto-Lugo)
 - B. **Resolved, that the Senate endorse the transfer of committee duties to the separate campuses as outlined in the document, “Multi-College Council and Committee Structure,” subject to continued Senate review and action.** (Galamba, Willson).
3. The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

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