

Yuba Community College District  
**Academic Senate**  
M I N U T E S  
May 10, 2007

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

1. The agenda was approved. Minutes of the May 3 meeting were approved, with minor additions.
2. President's Report: Rubiales said that a series of meetings with the administration regarding the bond issue plans, the internship program, hiring committee concerns, budget, and the new committee structure have been held. Also, convocation for Woodland and Marysville campuses will be on alternate nights so that faculty members and administrators can attend both ceremonies.
3. Karen Trimble presented a synopsis of a report entitled, "Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges." As a result of AB 1417, all colleges received a progress report from this agency (ARCC) that was also forwarded to the Chancellor's Office. Yuba College received a favorable report on 5 or 6 indicators: response to local demographics; degree and certificate rates; vocational and workforce development; transfer percentage; and long range planning. One of the indicators— success of basic skills courses—seem to be a weakness. The report is for information only and is being used by the Chancellor's Office to promote Community Colleges to the legislature.
4. A motion was made (May, Nickolson) that three documents which had been previously discussed and modified now be endorsed by the Senate. These documents are "Staffing: New Criteria—Automatic Refill of Positions" and "AP 4510 Final Examinations" and "Sponsored Experience Program." Senate members voted 6 to 4 to terminate further discussion and adopt all three policy statements.
5. Rubiales said he will once again try to get Al Alt to give the Senate a progress report about the Diversity/EEO Project Team.
6. A Senate Retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. at Helen Nickolson's house in East Nicholas. All Senate members, including newly elected Senate members, will be invited. A year-end analysis of how the year went and goals for next year will be discussed.
7. Willson was appointed to organize a committee to study a reform of our faculty evaluation process. Rubiales cautioned that the Senate must be sensitive to contractual issues, but there is a clear consensus that certain elements of the evaluation process need improvement.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

