

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
Sept 6, 2007

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

Senators Absent: Boren, Galamba, Kemble

1. Minutes of the August 30 meeting were approved.
2. Rubiales summarized a meeting with the administration in which concerns were expressed about the lack on faculty consultation in planning convocation day activities. Nickolson added an additional concern that the orientation for new faculty featured an administrative presentation in which misinformation or irrelevant information was the norm. The Senate is requesting more consultation in the planning of opening-day activities.
3. The composition of the College Council shall, it appears, remain the same: three faculty, three administrators, three classified. Rubiales will verify that the faculty co-chair fully participates in deliberations and decisions.
4. Faculty representatives to the Faculty Staffing Committee are still needed for Health and PE, Social Sciences, and Student Services. Faculty who are interested should contact Helen Nickolson.
5. The State Senate Plenary Session is to be held in Anaheim. We have funds for three Senators to attend; Rubiales and Nickolson will attend—anyone else who wishes to attend should let Nickolson know.
6. Willson discussed the compressed calendar that Los Rios and Sierra have adopted. Previously, our own deliberations concerning a compressed calendar were suspended until accreditation and the Educational Master Plan were completed. Willson is willing to chair another advisory committee but only if the administration is truly open to the option of a compressed calendar. Lowe assured Willson that the administration is open to the possibility. If such a change ever does take place, the transition to a new calendar would be many years in planning and transition. A motion (Canto-Lugo/Gomez) to have Willson chair another calendar advisory group and report back to the Senate was approved.
7. The topic for the first faculty forum in October is the role expected of Senate reps to various District committees. Ideas for future forums should be solicited by Senators.
8. A regional meeting to discuss basic skills instruction will be held at Butte College October 12. Rubiales will invite Gretchen Cupp to attend a future Senate meeting to summarize current concerns of the Academic Preparation Committee and to verify that Yuba College is represented at the Butte meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

