

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
September 13, 2007

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

Senators Absent: Kitchen.

Guests: Lowe, Davidson.

1. The agenda was approved, with additions for “Senate VP Election in the spring” (Nickolson) and “EEO Appointments” (Galamba).
2. Minutes of the Sep 6 meeting were approved, with minor modifications. The final approved copy will go out the day of approval.
3. President’s Report: -Convocation was discussed with President Mendoza, who agreed that this year’s activities were rough. The Senate will be involved in planning next year’s activities. The College Council will receive recommendations from a planning group; the goal is to have the day planned before the end of the Spring Semester. – Measure J Planning Group will make an effort to involve faculty in planning facility renovations to avoid last minute modifications. Faculty members also need to educate themselves concerning state of the art classrooms in order to make informed recommendations to the Planning Group. Board of Trustees Meeting: Beale Air Force is being considered for a Homeland Security mission that may involve as many as 10,000 new jobs. Deemed the “Cyber Command Project,” its Orwellian mission would be to develop and maintain a high-tech computer attack force.
4. Vice-President’s Report: -the SLO Committee will be assessing the implementation of some of our SLO’s as the academic year progresses. Also, the group will apprise the Senate of the District-wide success in meeting our timelines. – the first Faculty Mentor workshop will be held in the Board Room Friday, September 21st. The meeting of mentors and new faculty members will focus upon learning styles, with a pizza social afterwards.
5. Two faculty vacancies are still needed for the Staffing Committee. Faculty members in Social Sciences and Fine Arts and Social Services, PE, and Health are encouraged to apply.
6. An ad hoc Staffing Committee has determined that four Marysville positions— ECE, History, Psych Tech, and Nursing—shall be automatically refilled. Meanwhile, faculty members are reminded that Academic Deans must submit any regular staffing requests for the 2008-2009 academic year by October 12.
7. Galamba reported that the process of automatic refills for some staff positions has been controversial in the case of the Woodland History Position. Lowe reported that “hybrid” positions (in which a full-time faculty member teaches in two or more disciplines) are being phased out.
8. Galamba, Canto-Lugo, and Nickolson will represent the Yuba Senate at the State Senate Plenary Session in Anaheim November 1-3.

9. Nickolson asked that we discuss the timing of the Senate Vice President elections in February. Canto Lugo and others who are working on a revision of the Senate by Laws will examine the issue and report back.
10. Faculty in English, Math, and ESL are encouraged to attend a regional meeting of CC instructors and administrators involved in Basic Skills Instruction. The meeting will be held October 12 at Butte College. The District will reimburse for mileage; meals are provided. Interested faculty should contact Dave Farrell.
11. Two faculty members are needed for the College Council. Gomez emphasized the need for involved and informed faculty members since the Council frequently must assert opinions the run counter to prevailing administrative and Board pressures. Interested faculty members should contact David Rubiales.
12. The consensus of the Senate is that only certificated members of the Academic Standards Committee should be able to vote. There was some question of whether the Committee is truly being consulted on issues involving academic standards. Rubiales will report back to the Senate on the issue next week.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.