

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
January 24, 2008

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 12 by Rubiales.
2. Rubiales summarized a report he had given to the Board on the Senate Goals for the year. He also summarized what had been said at the Board Meeting and in discussion for faculty leaders concerning the budgetary situation. Rubiales relayed the information that the budget is ok for this year, but perhaps not next year. Updates on the budget will be given this spring, and especially at the Faculty Meeting by the President and Vice President on February 12.
3. Rubiales announced that Vice-Chancellor Lowe will be retiring at the end of this year. Rubiales was meet with jeers at the suggestion that the Lowe retirement was due in part to Rubiales' own heralded departure; even Dr. Lowe dismissed the suggestion as absurd.
4. In response to the question of why the District is proceeding with close to 20 new faculty hirings in the face of tough financial times, Rubiales explained that the hiring process may be frozen at any time. For now the decision by the District is to proceed on all of the positions approved by the Staffing Committee.
5. Regarding the Hiring Committee appointees, Helen was pleased to announce close to a full house: still needed are appointments to the College Council and a Senator for the English Hiring Committee.
6. Galamba reported on the state of the union, down Woodland way: Accreditation is pending (as much fun as group root canals). George also called attention on a baby boomerang effect: UC and the State U are reducing enrollments, turning students back toward the CC's.
7. The tenure schedule was again reviewed: January 31 for Bordisso, Strode, deRock, Ramsey, and Hulin. February 7 for Heaton, Fiering, Ramones, Steverson, Wardlaw.
8. Rubiales and May will put together an official nomination of Neelam Canto-Lugo for the Standback-Stroud Diversity Award. Neelam's outstanding contributions to diversity through the Crossing Borders Program will be featured.

9. Trutna discussed the budget situation further and distributed a faculty hiring schedule for Spring 2008. Trutna and Mendoza will discuss the budget in depth at a faculty-wide meeting on February 12.
10. The meeting fizzled out around 1—shortly before Rubiales dismissed everyone for the day.

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