

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
April 3, 2008

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

1. The meeting began at 12 p.m.
2. Rubiales will recommend to the Chancellor that all three faculty interested in serving on the Sutter County Facility User Group—Brown, Williams, and Sealander—be appointed. The task force will consult with and advise the architect and contractor of the Sutter Facility.
3. Nickolson will attend the Area A Planning Session for the State Senate on Saturday, April 5. She asked that all senators study the list of pending State Senator resolutions and relay concerns to her.
4. Nickolson said that next spring an accreditation team will be formed for our 2010 accreditation process. Rubiales and Lowe both discussed a recent trend in WASC accreditations in which accreditation is being denied to colleges for problems concerning governance or SLO's or governing boards or planning matters.
5. A consortium has been established by DeAnza to share information and resources regarding online education and online textbook matters. The consortium shares resources among community colleges. Nickolson will relay more information so we can determine whether we wish to join; currently 30 colleges are members.
6. Willson raised the issue of Senate By-Law revisions as reported in last week's minutes. Canto-Lugo will distribute the proposed revisions; typically such revisions are discussed for a full academic year before action is taken.
7. Cupp reported on the progress of the Basic Skills Task Force. She relayed the concerns of team members, who are currently meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings to bring the Basic Skills proposals in on time. Cupp expressed frustration that the team leader has not been attending meetings. She is also concerned that no one from voc ed has been participating. And she is particularly concerned that after so many hours of work the task force recommendations may be altered or rejected. Lowe assured Cupp that the group's recommendations would be relayed to the State as they are presented to his office. But he also said the group needed to complete its tasks by April 24. The Group had been under the impression that they had until May 1. Lowe also relayed information about the number of rationales and the amount of funds to Cupp that differed from what the Task Force had previously thought. Rubiales thanked Cupp and the others for their hard work, given extraordinary deadline pressure and the number of tasks facing this group.
8. Heaton reported that one faculty member-May-has been nominated for the at-large Senate Position. The nomination process remains open until April 9.

9. May was nominated and elected to serve as Senate Vice-President for the 2008-2009 academic year, pending results of the election for the at-large seat.
10. Nickolson asked for Senate endorsement of the Collaborative Education Proposal. The proposal makes recommendations for improving our collaborative work with four-year institutions. It makes recommendations for the types of connections and contacts that need to be established, particularly on the departmental level. An initial survey of the faculty concerning how we can improve our cooperative work with the universities will go out this spring. A resolution (Canto Lugo/Althausen)to form a Senate subcommittee to assist in this task was approved.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

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