

Yuba Community College District  
**Academic Senate**  
M I N U T E S  
April 17, 2008

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 12.
2. Kelly Boren presented a video that is currently on You Tube, the title of which—“Shift Happens”—refers to the revolution in communication that has occurred in the last 20 years. The question we might want to pose for convocation is this: what skills do our students need for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? How should we be modifying our curricular and classroom planning to meet projected needs? The website for more information on this topic is: [shifthappens.wikispaces.com](http://shifthappens.wikispaces.com).
3. Rubiales reported that VP Trutna and the College Council are reluctant to embrace the Senate resolution that an hour of time the morning of convocation be devoted to EEO training. The Council has not yet decided upon a focus for the day’s activities. Discussions on the topic continue.
4. The Basic Skills Project Team has a tentative budget and continues work on its written plan. The plan, which presents the District’s proposals to the State in order to receive Basic Skills funds, will be presented to Senate at April 24 hearing.
5. Further discussion of convocation. The difficulty of scheduling a topic and activities for a joint session of faculty and classified was discussed. VP Trutna has proposed a guest speaker to make a presentation on succeeding with Latino students. Gomez has heard this presentation and can recommend it, but she said such a presentation might be too narrow in focus, benefiting just one segment of the college community. Kemble said that such a talk could be one in a series. (Succeeding with ...) The District could select a different target group for each fall convocation theme.
6. The Senate Retreat will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the home of Helen Nickolson. More details to follow.
7. May will ask Sandra Graciano if she is willing to attend a future Senate meeting to discuss her ideas concerning methods to reduce textbook costs for students.
8. Kemble relayed the desire of the Faculty Staffing Committee for more direction from the Senate early in the next hiring session. Further discussion on the topic will take place in the weeks ahead.
9. Senate Forum Topic: April 24—12 noon. A Hearing of the Basic Skills Project Team Report. Regular Senate meeting to follow from 1 to 2.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

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