

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

Senators Present: Rubiales (Chair), Nickolson (Vice Chair), Abele, Althausen, Boren, Canto-Lugo, Galamba, Gomez, Heaton, Kemble, Kitchen, May, Morgan, Willson.
Guests: Condrey, Farrell, Lowe, Mello, Michel, Poteat, Sager, Thoo, Trutna, Bui, Cupp, Harvey, Hulin, Prager, Steverson.

1. Rubiales called the meeting to order at 12:00.
2. The Basic Skills Task Force presented its Action Plan to the Senate for approval before submission to the District and on to the Chancellor's Office. Dean Farrell distributed a copy of the plan and a copy of a booklet entitled "Foundation for Student Success" which had been used by the task force in its deliberations. Farrell described the incredible time and effort spent by the committee in preparing the plan. Cupp gave an overview of the report: the process the team followed, the short-term and long-term goals the team developed, and the proposed budget.
Gomez, Althausen, Boren, and May objected to the term "basic skills probation" for one of the goals. Task Force members explained that they, too, had been reluctant to use the term to describe the process by which basic skills students would be required to have their pre-collegiate schedules approved by a counselor. Dean Farrell said the term was necessary under the administrative practices requirements due to Ed Code regulations.
Also discussed were the budget allocations for certain activities and how the funds should be distributed. Lowe explained that the State will fund the College for a set amount, but in the next academic year, the College will have flexibility in adjusting the allocation of funds. Senators and BSI members in attendance agreed that the Senate should establish an on-going vehicle—a committee or task force—for the continued allocation and monitoring of BSI funds. If adjustments to the Action Plan are to be made, the Senate should be involved.
Nickolson spoke of the need for amendments to the plan. For example, she said she would like to see funds set aside to help basic skills students with the cost of textbooks. Senators agreed to re-visit the BSI plan at its summer retreat and again in the fall.
Rubiales called for a vote on the plan. The Senate endorsed the BSI Action Plan by a vote of 12 to 1.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

