

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
September 20, 2007

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

1. President's Report: Rubiales emphasized the importance of a strategic planning meeting for Friday, September 28 from 1 to 5 in the multi-purpose room. The meeting has been called by President Mendoza to discuss planning for the Marysville campus in the years ahead. It is projected that in the next five years, nearly half of the Marysville campus faculty will consist of newly hired faculty.
2. Vice-President's Report: Nickolson reported on the first meeting of the Peer Mentoring project. The focus of the gathering was Learning Styles. Jan Ponticelli and Greg Brown both made excellent presentations to the new faculty and their mentors. The group later gathered for pizza and refreshments off campus.
3. Farrell made a presentation to the Senate on a proposal that the academic divisions sponsor a series of workshops to pass along information about academic majors and careers. A recent survey of Yuba freshmen revealed that 47% of our students are unclear about their career goals or their academic major. The proposal is to offer a series of monthly noontime workshops that educate students about the opportunities available in various disciplines. Fliers for the series, listing all events will be posted around campus. Nickolson made a motion that the Academic Senate strongly endorse the project—a motion that passed unanimously.
4. The representative to the Staffing Committee from Counseling and PE will be Doug Cornelius. The representative from Social Sciences is yet to be decided. Other members of the committee were approved by the Senate: Williams, Hansen, Kemble, Stranix, and Syda.
5. Appointments to the hiring committees for history, ECE, Psych Tech, and Nursing will be approved at the next meeting.
6. The upcoming Senate Forum was discussed. The topic is the role of the various Senate Committees and how they contribute to the joint governance of the District.
7. Appointments to the Yuba College Council were discussed. Since there are more nominees than positions available, the Senate will determine criteria for the remaining two appointments, at which time the composition of the entire committee will be announced. Discussed were the relative merits of appointing faculty based on seniority. Some Senators believe the Council will be better served by appointing the most junior nominees since their career future is affected by Council decisions.

