

Yuba Community College District
Academic Senate
M I N U T E S
October 4, 2007

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

1. President's Report: Rubiales asked if any Senator would be interested on serving on an accreditation team for another college. Canto-Lugo volunteered.
The Academic Senate is concerned that some faculty are not attending scheduled evaluation meetings called by area Deans. The Senate is promoting consistency across divisions and campuses, but attendance is proving to be problem, especially as it affects the evaluation of new faculty members.
2. Vice-President's Report: Nickolson summarized the Strategic Planning Meeting of the previous Friday as being productive, although too few faculty members were able to attend. There was agreement that any future meetings of this sort should be held during the opening days of the academic year.
3. Larry Michel provided the Senate with a detailed report of the issues that this year's Curriculum Committee is working on:
 - a. Over 450 course outlines need to be brought current;
 - b. Approval of stand-alone courses, which are now a local, not Sacramento decision;
 - c. Title 5 changes in the re-naming of certificates, pass/no pass credit options, limits on the number of withdrawals a student can make, clarification of grade changes by other than the instructor, a change in the waiver for students enrolled in two classes that overlap in time.
 - d. SLO work, which continues with a Project Team making progress reports to Curriculum.
4. Regarding the Staffing Committee: with the election of Travis Smith from Social Science, the membership of the staffing committee is complete.
5. Regarding the College Council: A motion passed to allow the President and Vice-President to appoint the faculty members for the current terms. The Senate will develop criteria for future appointments. A motion was adopted unanimously (Canto-Lugo/Kitchen) that the Senate request of the administration an additional seat for an adjunct faculty member.
6. A report concerning the current status of the EEO Committee will be received at the next Senate meeting on October 11, 2007.