

Oxnard College Academic Senate  
Monday, January 24, 2005  
2:30 PM  
CSSC 101/102

**I. Call to Order**—2:36 pm.

Officers Present—Lynn Fauth, David Magallanes, Jeannette Redding, Mary Jones, Tom Stough.

Voting Senators—Christiane Mainzer for Mike Abram and for herself, Mark Bates, Brett Black, Robert Cabral, Elissa Caruth, Gloria Guevara for Winston Sarafian’s position and for her own, Chris Horrock, Greg Kaapuni, Amy London, Leo Orange, Gary Morgan for Jim Petersen, John Norbutas, Everardo Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Ralph Smith, Ana Maria Valle, Jerry White.

Non-Voting Faculty—Alan Hayashi, Cecilia Milan.

Guests—Steve Hall, Cheryl Shearer.

**II. Moment of Silence: Winston Sarafian Recognition**—a moment of silence was observed for the life of founding faculty member Winston Sarafian, who was a history professor and the College’s first library director. He died on Saturday, January 8, 2005. His funeral was held on Thursday, January 20 with many campus attendees. (The College’s memorial service was held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 2 in LS-8.)

**III. Additions to the Agenda/Announcements**—President Fauth stated that he planned to report on the status of AFT negotiations and would therefore “turn the gavel” over to Vice President Redding for agenda item IX. The Science Fair on April 27 and Multicultural Day on April 13 were noted.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2005**—Moved as amended by A.M. Valle, seconded by R. Smith, carried.

**V. Public Comments**—none.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report**—\$ 437.90, unchanged.

**VII. Action Item: Institutional Calendar/Class Scheduling**

Fauth noted the possible schedule changes as noted on today’s agenda and asked for any additional comments. ASG has gone on record as supporting block scheduling in principle. Valle moved to approve the schedule restructuring as submitted, seconded by

Redding. C. Shearer noted that the schedules of vocational programs such as Hotel & Restaurant Management, Fire Technology and Dental Hygiene will not be changed.

J. Norbutas: despite statements to the contrary, evening scheduling will in fact be changed with some classes lasting until 10:30 pm. Fauth clarified that time slots for one-meeting-per week classes would stay the same. Smith noted the increased numbers of students on academic probation over the past year and suggested that the reasons for this be determined. Discussion followed. E. Caruth stated that she would be more supportive of the motion if it were certain that the minimum-15-enrollment rule would be relaxed during the transition. Valle suggested that the changes should be considered anyway. As Secretary, T. Stough noted that any caveats need to be made part of the motion. Norbutas: the schedule change may "backfire" if students end up enrolling only for classes from 8:00 am-12:00 pm Monday through Thursday instead of Monday through Friday. Caruth noted that many students will have child care issues created by new scheduling. D. Magallanes noted that Santa Monica College and Santa Barbara City College switched back to Monday through Friday after unsuccessfully trying the compressed schedule. Fauth described those colleges as "anomalous" and drawing from a much wider geographic area than Oxnard. Redding suggested that a one-year transitional period is needed.

Valle: an expanded afternoon schedule gives students more options. More late start classes are needed and have provided enrollment boosts in the recent past. A Rodriguez noted that a "desperate times, desperate measures" mentality is creeping in to the campus-wide debate. G. Guevara stated that a commitment to marketing by the administration is needed and asked: "is this happening now?" Redding suggested adding a caveat to the motion: that schedule changes be based on data, not suppositions. C. Horrock suggested that more students may be driven to Ventura College. Smith noted that the last FRC/PCC meeting called for a student survey. Caruth: "the English Department hasn't met on this issue; I would prefer to speak with them first before voting." However, she went on to say, "the more [scheduling] variety for students, the better."

M. Bates said that there has been no interdepartmental discussion about how to integrate classes. He advocated interviewing a sample group of students taking mathematics, social science and English classes on whether they want this change. Magallanes: "we have a finite time to consider this; let's focus instead on increasing [the College's] market." L. Orange noted a consensus that the College must be marketed. Guevara: advocated a "mélange" option, i.e., flexible scheduling. On the marketing issue, A. Rodriguez stated that many people in our service area don't even know we exist. Discussion followed. Hayashi echoed Norbutas: students may decide to move their entire schedule to Ventura College. Sample schedules have not been forthcoming, as discussed in earlier meetings. C. Mainzer noted that the science classes are largely on a two-day-per-week schedule already. J. White: the existing scheduling is instructor-friendly rather than student-friendly. Valle: "lots of reinventing wheels is going on here." Shearer: vocational courses are already one or two days per week. Hall: block scheduling is a big change for the Mathematics Department. C. Milan stated that the students' attention span

for foreign language classes is about one hour and 20 minutes. She would like to see schedule changes limited to upper-level language courses. The question was called.

Consensus was reached on this motion: the Academic Senate supports the Administration's block scheduling proposal with the following caveats:

1. vocational course scheduling will remain as is.
2. afternoon classes will be exempt from low-enrollment rules for a one-year transition period.
3. empirical data will be gathered for decision-making.
4. allowances will be made a mix of block and traditional scheduling.
5. large-scale marketing and promotion efforts will be made.
6. resolution will be reached on the start times for evening classes.

Vote: 11 to 8, motion carried.

### **VIII. Committee Reports--**

Planning & Consultation Council/Financial Resources—Redding: the combined committees are looking for volunteers to call former students and ask why they haven't returned. Names were taken for this effort.

Campus Use, Development & Safety—M. Jones. The committee has been dealing with issues related to the new road and parking lot. A recommendation was made that the new road be connected to Simpson Avenue. The Committee will publicly thank the Maintenance & Operations staff for their hard work on these facilities. The campus graffiti problem was also discussed.

Professional Development--no report.

Student Services—Valle: Committee has been meeting and is pushing for a new Outreach Coordinator position.

Sabbatical—Fauth: the Board approved four one-semester sabbatical requests from College faculty: E. Waits, R. Castro, C. Guerrero and J. Hernandez. A request for a one-year sabbatical was not granted.

Curriculum--no report. Next meeting will be on February 9.

### **IX. AFT Report on Negotiations--presented by L. Fauth (meeting chaired by J. Redding)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Stough, Secretary