

Oxnard College Academic Senate
Monday, November 22, 2004
CSSC 101-102

I. Call to Order—2:35 pm

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

Voting Senators—Mike Abram, Mark Bates, Alan Hayashi for Brett Black, Elissa Caruth, Gloria Guevara, Lucia Haro, Greg Kaapuni, Christiane Mainzer, Gary Morgan, John Norbutas, Leo Orange, Jim Petersen, Anthony Rodriguez, Carolyn Dorrance for Winston Sarafian, Vern Simmen, Ralph Smith, Gloria Lopez for Ana Maria Valle.

Non-Voting Faculty—Alex Lynch, Cecilia Milan, Everardo Rivera.

Guests—Chancellor James Meznik, Susan Cabral, Barbara Cogert, Felicia Torres.

II. Additions to Agenda—L. Fauth mentioned the successful financial aid dinner held for local high school counselors honoring the College’s “all-star” graduates, including Pulitzer Prize winners and other notables.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2004--Moved G. Morgan, seconded R. Smith, approved.

IV. Committee Reports

Planning & Consultation Council—L. Fauth reported that PCC has not yet mustered a quorum.

Financial Resources Committee—no meeting, no report.

Campus Use, Development & Safety—M. Jones reported that Associated Student Government continues to investigate parking issues. The Committee voted to create designated staff parking in the interior lots that will remain after new construction, with the new exterior lots designated as student parking. ASG is also looking into designated nonsmoking zones and ash cans in the parking lots. There may be a closure of North Campus Road soon as part of the construction. Power outages for electrical system upgrades will be scheduled during the holiday break. Generator backup will be arranged for essential areas such as Administration and leased County space in the CSSC Building. (A subsequent email noted outage on these dates: December 27 through January 2, with restoration scheduled for January 3.)

Curriculum—J. Redding reported that the distance learning appendix is nearing finalization. The Committee is also addressing problems with CSU articulation of certain College courses. Michael Bowen is creating a database of all course outlines so that faculty may make online queries as necessary.

Student Services—M. Jones reported that this committee, after being dormant for a year, is making progress toward reconstituting itself.

Technology—no report.

V. Treasurer's Report—D. Magallanes reported a balance of \$ 437.90, unchanged from last month.

VI. Announcements—L. Fauth announced that the College is considering moving to a Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday schedule beginning with the Fall 2005 semester. A chart explaining the changes in class meeting times was distributed. A dialog with the Dean's Council will be scheduled for the Senate meeting on December 13.

VII. Chancellor Meznek Addresses Senate—Chancellor Meznek then took the floor to outline his vision for the future of the District in general and of the College in particular. He mentioned the College's vision of itself as being in an inferior and less-funded position than its sister institutions. He also stated that this viewpoint is counterproductive to the College's best interests. Further, all three colleges must abandon their futile quests to define exclusive territories from which they draw their students. Rather, each college should specialize in the programs it does best. Specifically, Oxnard College must grow its enrollment on its own through innovation and course offerings without relying on additional monies under any new allocation model. Lively discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stough, Secretary