

Oxnard College Academic Senate  
March 14, 2005  
SSC 101/102

**I. Call to Order**—2:35 pm.

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

Voting Senators—Mark Bates, Brett Black, Robert Cabral, Elissa Caruth, Frank Castro, Carolyn Dorrance for Winston Sarafian’s position, Gloria Guevara, Chris Horrock, Greg Kaapuni, Christiane Mainzer, Jim Merrill, Gary Morgan, Leo Orange, John Norbutas, Jim Petersen, Anthony Rodriguez, Ralph Smith, Ana Maria Valle, Jerry White.

Non-Voting Faculty—Tom Barth, Lucia Haro, David Lopez, Gloria Lopez, Olivia Menchaca, Cecilia Milan, Andres Orozco, Everardo Rivera, Vern Simmen, Vish Viswanath.

Guests—Dr. Larry Miller, VCCCD Board of Trustees.

**II. Additions to Agenda**—none.

**III. Announcements**—none.

**IV. Larry Miller, VCCCD Board of Trustees**—Miller prefaced his remarks by denying that he had any involvement with the unauthorized release of employee information to the Ventura County Star. (The information was published on Wednesday, March 9 following the March 8 Board of Trustees meeting, at which March 15 severance notices to many District faculty were authorized.) Miller went on to thank faculty who spoke on behalf of their colleagues and programs, as well as the District police for enforcing fire regulations and order in a tense situation.

**V. Action Items**

Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2005 meeting—so moved by L. Orange, seconded by R. Smith, carried.

Faculty Hiring Priorities for 2005-06

L. Fauth quoted the President as saying: any new positions must generate new State funding. He then asked: “what is the Senate’s pleasure?” A.M. Valle suggested that given the recent program cuts, the priorities list must be recreated “from scratch”. The Senate then presents its recommendations to the President. J. Redding concurred. O. Menchaca noted that besides being Transfer Coordinator, she must now handle Articulation Officer duties. If the President and Chancellor are serious about Oxnard

being a transfer-oriented college, this issue must be addressed. She and her staff cannot serve evening students because of recent budget cuts. R. Smith noted that the same issues apply to the Transfer Center. Valle also noted students' need for EOPS and its services. E. Caruth advocated creating this year's priority list faster than last year's. G. Guevara suggested asking the Chancellor about his vision for the College before proceeding. C. Horrock stated that an ongoing record should be kept of what decisions are being made, when and by whom. Fauth agreed that the situation is in flux and can't be decided upon now. After further discussion, the Senate agreed to postpone the vote.

#### Nominations of Officer Candidates for 2005-06

The Nominating Committee has received the following nominations: President/J. Redding. Vice-President/ E. Caruth and L. Orange. Secretary/R. Cabral. Treasurer/ D. Magallanes. Sabbatical Committee Chair/ J. Merrill. All nominees accepted their nominations. R. Smith moved that nominations cease, seconded by J. White, carried. No more nominations were received from the floor.

#### Response to Release by Ventura County Star of Confidential Memos

Fauth took the District to task for leaking employee identification numbers, especially given the possibility that webSTAR security has been compromised. He stated that he would draft a resolution to this effect. Merrill asked: whom are we criticizing and for what? He also noted that he was uncomfortable criticizing the newspaper for exercising its free press rights. Fauth emphasized that only the District would receive criticism. Merrill suggested that the resolution should demand an explanation for why and how this happened and what will be done to ameliorate damage.

### **VI. Information Items**

#### Policy on "No-Confidence" Votes

Fauth suggested that a policy for a deliberative process for any no-confidence votes should be created. (Copies distributed, plus an alternative submitted by another faculty member.) Discussion followed; agenda item for the March 28 meeting.

#### \$ 200,000 Consultant Group's Plans (KH Consulting)

Fauth stated that he would distribute the information from the initial meeting with KH Consulting. The Planning and Consultation Council and College Council of Instruction will be involved in these discussions.

**VII. Committee Business**—deferred because of the late hour.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report**—\$ 695.40

**IX. Excellence in Service Awards/Banquet**—"in the works", per Fauth.

**X. AFT Report**

Adjournment 4:08 pm. Tom Stough, Secretary