

Oxnard College Academic Senate
February 28, 2005
CSSC 101/102

I. Call to Order—2:38 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, Frank Castro, Elissa Caruth, Gloria Guevara for Winston Sarafian's position and for her own, Chris Horrock, Greg Kaapuni, Amy London, Jim Merrill, Gary Morgan, John Norbutas, Leo Orange, Jim Petersen, Everardo Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Ralph Smith, Ana Maria Valle.

Non-Voting Faculty—none.

Guests—President Lydia Ledesma-Reese.

II. Additions to Agenda/Announcements—J. Redding added a report on her meeting with the President. She also noted that student learning outcomes would be discussed under committee business.

L. Fauth announced that the following faculty will be recommended for tenure at the March 8 Board meeting: B. Black, G. Casillas, G. Guevara, L. Orange, A. Orozco, J. Redding and K. Sutton. In addition, the following tenure-track faculty are slated to receive second-year contracts: M. Abram, T. Allen, R. Cabral, A. Cook, J.R. Emory, H. Fahs, A. Lynch, A. London, C. Mainzer, C. Milan, C. Morla, S. Shahoian, V. Viswanath and L. Zambrano. In addition to this good news, Fauth noted the unwelcome news of Item A-12 on the Board's agenda calling for "reduction in particular kinds of academic services" District-wide. Discussion followed.

III. Action Items—approval of minutes from the February 28 Senate meeting. So moved by R. Smith, seconded by G. Morgan, carried.

IV. Committee Business—

Planning & Consultation Council/Financial Resources Committee—Fauth noted this committee's meeting on March 1 at 2:30 pm.

Campus Use—no report.

Curriculum—J. Redding noted that funds are available for data entry of course outlines and/or for database updates. Requests for assistance are to be sent to Betty Hough. The distance learning appendix will be discussed at the Committee's next information

meeting. Per directive from the accreditation report, student learning outcomes will be incorporated into course outlines.

Program Review—A.M. Valle noted that any PR recommendations will go to PCC/FRC for approval.

Student Services—reported at the February 14 Senate meeting.

Technology—A.M. Valle reported that a meeting will take place in two weeks' time. Ken Bailey has indicated that he doesn't have time to be co-chair with Fauth.

Student Learning Outcomes (not an official committee)—R. Cabral and J. Redding attended workshops on February 10 and 11 discussing best practice models. They will report on this at the March 14 Senate meeting.

Marketing Committee—A.M. Valle reported that this newly formed committee seeks to “hunt and gather” existing brochures from all departments. The goal is to create a consistent, College-“branded” message using standardized logotypes. Upcoming events were noted, such as Multicultural Day and an open house for College alumni and faculty. Fauth noted that this marketing “push” comes from the President. J. Norbutas asked: will department brochures require committee approval? Answer: eventually, yes.

V. Treasurer's Report--\$ 437.90, unchanged. D. Magallanes reported that Senate dues are due and coming in. He noted that every year, the Senate contributes \$ 100 to the Ron Jackson Memorial Scholarship and \$ 250 to the Leadership Awards. J. Merrill asked: must this be approved each time? M. Jones answered: only if the contributed amounts are changed.

VI. Nominations Committee—Fauth noted that A. Hayashi is on leave and will not chair the Committee. Also, T. Barth has indicated that he will not serve as chair of the Sabbatical Committee for 2005-2006. The floor was opened for Senate officer nominations. No nominations were offered. A.M. Valle moved to approve the nominations form, to be distributed in campus mail, seconded by F. Castro, carried.

VII. Hiring Priorities List—The Senate discussed the campus' full-time faculty obligation and the three options discussed at the February 14 Senate meeting. (At this point, President Ledesma-Reese arrived.) She was asked: are there, in fact, four positions to be filled? Answer: no. J. McArthur has been placed in the Educational Assistance Center under L. Orange, which reduces the total to three. With F. Castro's upcoming sabbatical, the Auto Technology position must be filled. Therefore, we're down to two positions. Any filled positions must generate new student revenues. Teacher education may become a new focus for the College. The two positions are likely to in English, Mathematics or Social Sciences. The Chancellor has indicated that he wants the College to be a transfer-oriented institution. Valle noted that the Senate isn't at the table at all for these decisions and is in a “reactive mode”. Fauth noted that the Senate will make its recommendation on faculty hiring at its next meeting. Ledesma-Reese noted the all-

college budget meeting to be held on March 9 at 2:00 pm [this meeting was held in LS-8]. She noted that due legal process must be followed in layoff notices to employees, then left the meeting. Valle noted that “everything is on the table”. Fauth explained the “bumping” process as applied to faculty. Discussion followed. Fauth noted that he would agendaize the priority list at the March 14 meeting for the Senate’s decision. Valle suggested hearing from Chancellor Meznek about the direction he wants to take the College before making a decision. (The Chancellor subsequently accepted the Senate’s invitation to attend the Senate meeting on March 28.) Discussion followed regarding meeting format.

VIII. “10+1” Shared Governance—Fauth presented a resolution from Ventura College’s Academic Senate, approved February 17. At Oxnard College, the College President has been consulting with the Academic Senate President. Fauth relayed Ledesma-Reese’s position: personnel and budget decisions will be made by managers, no matter what. There has been some consultation, but very little. J. Merrill: consultation between Presidents does not constitute shared governance. The Senate Executive has met with the President, who pegged the College’s budget cut from this fiscal year at \$ 1.08 million. Ledesma-Reese was told that Fauth would not be able to see the list of people being cut given his position on the AFT Negotiating Team. Fauth asked the Senate to consider whether it wished for him to remain as President, given his conflict of interest as perceived by management. Fauth asked J. Redding to chair the meeting and departed.

After a few minutes of consultation, the Senate agreed by acclamation to keep Fauth as President. Fauth reentered the room and resumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Fauth noted that shared governance will be on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. He gave a reminder about the Excellence in Service Awards and the Awards Banquet to be held on May 1, with a promise that nominating forms would be distributed soon.

IX. AFT Report

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stough, Secretary