

Academic Senate
MINUTES
November 7, 2007
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. BC214

Members Present: Ignacio Alarcón (Chair), Armando Arias, Barbara Bell, Susan Broderick, Cathie Carroll, Tom Fitzgerald, Jack Friedlander, Tom Garey, David Gilbert, Kelly Lake, Ray Launier, Linda Lowell, Kathy Molloy, Kim Monda, Marcy Moore, Dean Nevins, Kathy O'Connor, Jan Schultz, Dan Wrentmore, Ana Maria Ygualt, Oscar Zavala

Members Excused: Mimi Muraoka

Guest(s): Jim Chesher, Erika Endrijonas, Pam Guenther, Doug Hersch, Paul McGarry, Ben Partee, Betty Pazich, Kathleen Peterson (via conference phone), John Romo, Alice Scharper, Guy Smith, Marilynn Spaventa, Mike Warner

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Approval of Agenda – so approved

2.0 Information

2.1 Budget Forum to be held by President Romo: 06-07 End of year balance; Actual vs. adopted budget; Balances in reserves; Projected state actions regarding state budget.

President Romo addressed the Senate before any action was taken on budget items to clarify his position. Since Senate is considering a variety of possible actions relative to the SBCC budget.

For clarification: President Romo's position continues to be one of extreme caution. After a meeting with the CBO, Joe Sullivan, he is not prepared to make any recommendations to the Board to allocate any additional funding for new ongoing budget items from the Resource list at least until February, after P2. President Romo says he can't responsibly make any recommendations for ongoing budget expenditures new until we get confirmation from the state of what our actual reimbursements will be for growth. When there is a budget problem with the state they may give you less for your FTES. This gets compounded with the fact that our closing balances for 2006-2007 have not been finalized, although we have what we consider a tight estimate of them.

President Romo referred to the L.A. Times article "Schwarzenegger orders plan for 10% budget cuts" of November 6. The governor has given orders to all state agencies to begin thinking now to prepare for the eventuality of the 10% budget cut across the board. Some sources even mention the possibility of the legislature suspending Prop 98. There is difference of opinion on that but from a variety of sources in Sacramento we know that there is a projected 10 billion dollars deficit, almost 9% of the State budget. Figures like that and the tone of the language out of Sacramento are a reminder of the conditions present at SBCC in 2002.

There are serious problems that will not affect only 08-09 budget, but may well lead to a revised budget for this fiscal year. A lot of the difficulties arise from the real estate market collapse. A lot of it is that the state hasn't dealt with a structural budget problem.

President Romo was asked if the difficulties in the budget affect the one-time expenditures needed for deferred maintenance. He answered that these expenditures are not affected, and that the college will continue working on addressing them.

3.0 Hearing/Discussion

3.1 Hearing of Requests for New Contract Faculty Positions

Presentations from twelve departments:

Janet Robertson, HIT/CIM
Sonia Zuñiga-Lomelí, American Sign Language
Laura Gardinali, Italian and one other language
Tina Kistler, Communication
Armando Arias del Cid, Construction Technology
Jill Stein, Sociology
Julie Alpert-Wood, English as a Second Language
Linda Lowell, Graphic Design & Photography
Kenley Neufeld, Library
Bronwen Moore, Mathematics
Stanley Bursten, Psychology
Terre Ouwehand, English

3.2 Proposal for Drama/Music Modernization

After a brief history and much discussion, and with the Senate on record as having voted unanimously for the Drama/Music Modernization earlier on, a new proposed resolution (attached to these minutes) by the Drama/Music faculty was presented, intended for submittal to the Board of Trustees at the time of their study session on November 8.

M/S/C Move to Action Drama/Music Modernization Resolution (O'Connor/Monda)
2 opposed; 2 abstentions

M/S/C Move to Approve the Drama/Music Modernization Resolution to go forward to the Board of Trustees (O'Connor/Launier) 2 abstentions

4.0 Adjourn