Academic Senate Minutes  
October 21, 2009

Members Present
Jo Anne Cripe – President 
Kenneth Bearden – Vice President 
Miya Squires - Treasurer 
Tip Wilmarth – Secretary 
Shirleigh Brannon 
Stacey Burks 
Molly Emmons 
Bruce Enyeart 
Angela Kraemer 
Debbie Reynolds 
Dorinda Salvo 
J. Boyd Trolinger 
Andy Vranich 
Elizabeth Wannenmacher 
Tony Wren 
Peter Dahl – Classified Rep 
Janell Snead – AS Rep

Members Absent
Stacey Bartlett 
Cheryl Battles 
Julie Withers 
Visitors

I. Call to Order: Jo Anne Cripe, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

Sept. 30, 2009 Minutes approved as amended.

IV. Visitor comments: None

V. Special Presentation: Student Health Services (arranged by Stacey Burkes): Terri Jo Buckman from Student Health Services referenced their brochure and handout. Provided information on location, hours of availability and services available.

VI. Reports:
A. Hearts and Flowers: Debbie Reynolds: A sympathy card was sent to Paul Mason.

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:

1. The Governor passed legislation, AB381, regarding state disability insurance.
2. Jerry Brown is in process of suing the state’s bank due to overcharging CalPERS and STRS.
3. Piece of legislation having to do with the 50% law is under review in regards to districts being able to show ‘due hardship’ as a result of cuts to categorical programs.

C. Classified Senate Report - Peter Dahl:

1. Clinton Slaughter attended today’s senate meeting to discuss the new building strategy that the college wants to adopt.
2. Reported their upcoming Booksale on Oct. 27, 28, 29, 2009. Proceeds go to the Classified Hearts and Flowers Fund as well as the Scholarship Fund. In need of donations of paperbacks, hardbacks and baked goods.
3. Classified Senator Peter Dahl and Classified Senate President Terri Jo Buckman will be helping the Administration’s team on Make a Difference Day at the Paradise Animal Shelter Sat. Oct. 24, 2009.

D. Associated Student’s Report - Janell Snead:

1. Reported that the “Art in the Sky” event was a success. Daniel Dancer presented at the event, talked about our current carbon footprint of 390 and the goal to lower it to 350.
2. The Associated Students gave 100 free t-shirts away at a recent Butte College football game to students presenting their Student Activity Cards.

E. Vice President’s & Curriculum Report – Kenneth Bearden

1. After the last senate meeting, Kenneth and Teresa Ward contacted the Chairs and Coordinators group to talk about the VESL instructors and their issue of tenure. They are scheduled to meet with them tomorrow.
2. The Curriculum Committee is currently in the process of inputting additional course information into CurricUNET. The committee is looking at course descriptions more carefully to decide what kind of information to include.
3. Reported concern from the Chancellor’s Office in regards to science classes, required hours and title 5. More discussion by the Curriculum Committee is anticipated.

F. President’s Report: Jo Anne Cripe:

1. President Jo Anne Cripe reported that Educational Administrators from China will be visiting Butte College and will be attending the next Academic Senate meeting. Dr. Duke Sun will serve as translator.
2. Reported that Vice President Les Jauron will be in attendance at the next Academic Senate meeting to discuss the Educational Master Plan which has resulted from very collaborative efforts.
3. Requested Senators to view the document she emailed them as a tool to help guide them more quickly through the agenda.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. Academic Senate Goals/Focus/Intention: President Jo Anne Cripe reported that the goals the senate had drafted are now to be called the Senate Focus. President Cripe mentioned that the only emails she received about the goals were supportive.

Stacey Burkes motioned to approve the Senate Focus. Motion Passed.

B. Distance Learning Management System: President Jo Anne Cripe reminded the Senate to ask their constituents for feedback regarding moving to a new Blackboard system and the known complexities. Concerns raised were that of cost, ease of use, depth of program, staffing issues and amount of training involved.

C. Facebook and YouTube in Computer Labs: Senator Miya Squires requested Senators to provide their constituents feedback in regards to Facebook and YouTube issues in the Center for Academic Success computer labs. Input received includes issues of available bandwidth, access and its relation to learning, computer gaming and problems for students who are trying to do academic work. Miya reported needing the information by next semester. Item was moved to unfinished business.

D. 4-Day Work Week: Vice President Kenneth Bearden reported the Four Day Work Week Discussion Forum held the previous week. Reported most comments shared were not in favor of the four day work week. Reported the Four Day Work Week Task Force had a meeting this week. Concerns were raised regarding not having a representative from BCEA or the associate faculty involved on the Task Force. Concerns regarding the impact to retirement, 172 day requirement and the expansion of current services during the four day week were also discussed.

E. Contractual Responsibilities: tabled to next meeting.

VIII. New Business:

IX. Other:

X. Future Agenda Items:

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:48p.m.