Academic Senate Minutes  
October 7, 2009

Members Present:  
Jo Anne Cripe – President  
Kenneth Bearden – Vice President  
Tip Wilmarth – Secretary  
Stacey Bartlett  
Cheryl Battles  
Shirleigh Brannon  
Molly Emmons  
Bruce Enyeart  
Angela Kraemer  
Dorinda Salvo  
Andy Vranich  
Elizabeth Wannenmacher  
Julie Withers  
Tony Wren  
Peter Dahl – Classified Rep  
Janell Snead – AS Rep

Members Absent:  
Stacey Burks  
Debbie Reynolds  
Miya Squires  
J. Boyd Trolinger  
Conor Rowell  
Marc Thompson  
Rachel Hartley

Visitors:

I. Call to Order:  Jo Anne Cripe, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

II. Approval of Agenda:  The Agenda was approved with a change to include Senate Meeting Outcomes Report as an attachment to the minutes.


IV. Approval of Minutes: None available

V. Visitor comments: None

VI. Special Presentation: H1N1 Response Strategies – Nip Boyes (4:00 p.m.).  A continuance of last Academic Senate meeting discussion.  Handouts of previous PowerPoint presentation were reviewed and discussed.  Concerns about transmission, vaccine availability and issues pertaining to students being out sick for extended periods were discussed.

VII. Reports:  
A. Hearts and Flowers: Debbie Reynolds: Not available

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks: Not available

C. Classified Senate Report - Peter Dahl: Reported that the Classified Senate met today and has three main issues to report:
1. Reported that by mid November, the Classified Senate hopes to have a better sense of how Classified employees feel about proposed budget cuts.

2. Reported on the state of participatory governance. The Classified Senate wants to ensure that issues addressed during the Accreditation cycle are still being addressed and are working towards a concentrated effort to keep up to task.

3. Reported that the topic of the “4-Day Work Week” was discussed at their meeting and brought up issues of concerns. Concerns included employees with children, staff performing physical labor, union issues and other unforeseen components.

D. Associated Student's Report - Janell Snead: Reported on upcoming drama production of “Rent” and a need for 60 ushers to help out with the performance. Contact Cameron Hoffman, Student Ambassador at 895-2944, Barry Piccinino, Jill Hedman or Stacy Bartlett for more information. Performance dates are November 5, 14, 15, & 16, 2009 in the new Arts Building Theater.

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

1. Deadlines for student payments: President Jo Anne Cripe reported that a decision has been made giving students a 7 day window, from time of registration, to pay their fees or else be dropped. President Cripe asked senators to inform constituents to help remind students of the new process. Concerns regarding registration times being located on MyBC, potential roster issues and a suggestion for a format that allows students to check a box stating that they understand the 7 day policy were discussed.

F. President’s Report: Jo Anne Cripe:

a. President Jo Anne Cripe reported that she attended that day’s Classified Senate meeting.

b. Reported that in response for a Faculty need to communicate with each other that a Faculty Email System was created and is still in place. President Cripe asked senators to consider advocating for a district sponsored email system or to take advantage of what is already in place. Concerns about accessing, opting in and out, and remarketing of the current system was discussed.

VIII. Unfinished Business:
A. Academic Freedom Statement: President Jo Anne Cripe reported that she sent out an email with the current statement, received feedback, and revised the statement accordingly. The revised statement was reviewed by the senate.

Molly Emmons called for the question. Motion Passed.

B. Goals for 2009-10: President Jo Anne Cripe reported the revisions to the draft goals for the Academic Senate for the 2009-10 academic year. Concerns regarding objectives, contractual issues, diluting the focus of the senate, verbiage, measurability were discussed by the senate. In response to a need for more dialogue the issue was table to the next meeting.

IX. New Business:

A. VESL Faculty – Teresa Ward: Referenced handout of the Vocational English as a Second Language program. Teresa Ward gave a summary of the program, as Chair of the LEAD department, and encouraged the senate for faculty prioritization. Teresa reported that Jay Goldberg and Cathy Chase from the VESL program have been funded through CalWORKs, have not been tenured, and are now facing the possibility of layoffs. Teresa asked the senate to seriously consider advocating that Jay and Cathy be considered first on the faculty prioritization list. Concerns regarding the senate’s per view, the role of the Chairs and Coordinators, part-time faculty issues, previous processes and funding issues were discussed. President Jo Anne Cripe asked for a show of thumbs to decide on how to proceed which resulted in the senate feeling like it was an inappropriate thing to take on. President Cripe encouraged senators to take it to their constituents to let them know about the issues.

B. H1N1 Faculty Response Proposal: President Jo Anne Cripe reported a need to take the proposal to the Board of Trustees meeting by next Wednesday.

Cheryl Battles moved to extend the senate meeting. Motion passed.

President Cripe referenced the proposal handout and pointed out the recommendation aspect. Small grammatical changes were made.

Bruce Enyeart called for the question. Motion Passed.

C. Contractual Responsibilities: tabled for the next meeting.
D. Distance Learning Management System – Constituent feedback needed: tabled for the next meeting.
E. Facebook and YouTube – Constituent feedback needed: tabled for the next meeting.

X. Other:

XI. Future Agenda Items:

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.