Academic Senate Minutes
November 18, 2009

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

Members Absent:
Stacey Bartlett
Visitors:
Susan Carey
Teresa Ward
Christine Trolinger

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.

III. Approval of Minutes:
10/21/09: approved
11/04/09: approved as amended.

IV. Visitors’ Comments:
Counselor Susan Carey provided background information about Catalogue rights and continuing enrollment here at Butte College and how it differs from the CSU system. She asked for input and feedback regarding who we grant continuing enrollment status to.

Teresa Ward reported a Call for Proposals for the Regional Conference Focused on Student Success. Conference Date: Sat. Mar. 6, 2010, 8:30-4:30pm. Can earn a stipend of $150 per session. Looking at all disciplines at all levels. Deadline on Fri Dec 4, 2009.

V. Special Presentation: Lyman Hagen Agriculture and Environmental Science Department Future Planning (arranged by Bruce Enyeart): Lyman Hagen talked about Butte College’s Agriculture and Environmental Science Department which includes: Ag business, Ag science, Heavy Equipment, Mechanized Ag and the Welding program. He also shared the vision of the programs for the coming years.
VI. Reports:

A. Hearts and Flowers – Debbie Reynolds: a sympathy card was sent to Katy Luallen and plants were sent to Donna Davis and Lou Invernon.

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:
   1. Nothing official to report from Sacramento
   2. Reported attending an FACC conference. Their working with groups to create statewide seniority rights.
   3. Reported talking with the Legislative analyst about the 67% law. Reported concerns of being paid pro-rata if teaching over designated rate, ambiguous language within that law and teaching to load rather than to pedagogy.

C. Classified Senate Report – Peter Dahl
   1. Reported attending the Classified Senate meeting today.
   2. Reported that Classified Coordinator for Professional Development Ruth Ann Hansen is planning on having a classified orientation program for new and recent classified employees.
   3. Reported discussion about encouraging constituents to start using the Portal.
   4. Reported discussion regarding the ripple effects of all the retirements coming up. Reported concerns about employees working out of classification.

D. Associated Students’ Report – Janell Snead:
   1. Reported updates in Associated Students Officers.
   2. Reported about a bike path sign-up sheet for student enthusiasm.
   3. Reported a survey that was put together regarding the needs of homeless students on campus. Goal is to get the survey to 1000 students.
   4. Reported work on changing the name of “Rattlesnake Days” due to concerns of fear, religious beliefs and respect for various cultural groups.

E. Vice President’s & Curriculum Report – Kenneth Bearden
   1. Reported attendance of Plenary Sessions by Jo Anne Cripe, Tip Wilmarth, Miya Squires and Kenneth Bearden.
   2. Reported being able sit in on all of the resolution voting.
      A. C-ID is the replacement for CAN regarding common course descriptors. Intent of C-ID is to get something system wide.
      B. Reported a resolution about maintaining autonomy over degree requirements.
      C. Reported the state may be backing off on the statistical requirements for prerequisites allowing colleges to determine this.
D. Reported a resolution on pedagogical caps and their control by local community colleges.

F. President’s Report – Jo Anne Cripe

1. Reported that the Professional Clothing Drive is ending on Dec. 4th and to take all donations to Jo Anna Birdsall in Career Services.

2. Reported that at plenary she learned that one area of the 50% law is being challenged at the moment. She noted that CCLC President and Chief Executive Officer, Scott Lay, reported a twenty-one billion dollar shortfall. As a result, they are looking at how adjustments can be made in areas not counted as part of the 50% (e.g. Counselors, Library Staff). Discussion ensued regarding faculty teaching courses that don’t require a Master’s degree to teach and people teaching classes without an Associate’s degree. Concerns regarding eminence, unclear guidelines regarding equivalency, fairness and local control were discussed. President Jo Anne Cripe read aloud the resolution that went forward.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. Computer Labs / CAS items for discussion and input:
   1. Facebook – tabled for next meeting
   2. YouTube – tabled for next meeting
   3. Video Workshops: Miya: If can continue to email me about those issues would be much appreciated so as not to take up too much time at this meeting. (items 1-3)

B. 4-Day Work Week (ongoing report) – Kenneth Bearden:
   1. Reported attending another large meeting regarding the 4-day Task Force.
   2. Reported a Survey subcommittee met two times and put together three different surveys for Faculty, Students and Staff.
   3. Reported that the student representative on the task force voiced strong concerns on issues of biased language in the survey.
   4. Reported the direction of the 4-day work week seems to be heading towards a four day work week with Friday being a half-day, instructional day.
   5. Faculty voiced concerns of support for faculty and students on Fridays, lack of clarity over whose offices would be closed and the need for some resources to be available on those days.

C. Contractual Responsibilities: tabled for next meeting.

VIII. New Business:

A. Associate faculty recognition: tabled for next meeting.

IX. Other:

X. Future Agenda Items:

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm.