Academic Senate Minutes
April 7, 2010

Members Present:
Kenneth Bearden – Vice President
Miya Squires - Treasurer
Tip Wilmarth – Secretary
Stacey Bartlett
Cheryl Battles
Shirleigh Brannon
Stacey Burks
Molly Emmons
Bruce Enyeart
Colleen Harvel
Angela Kraemer
Debbie Reynolds
Dorinda Salvo
J. Boyd Trolinger
Elizabeth Wannenmacher
Peter Dahl – Classified Rep
Janell Snead – AS Rep

Members Absent:
Jo Anne Cripe – President
Julie Withers
Tony Wren

Visitors:
Ray Rodriguez
Nicole Ernest
Liz Gendron
Carol Stanley-Hall

I. Call to Order: Kenneth Bearden, Academic Senate Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved amended.

III. Approval of Minutes:
3-31-10: approved as amended.

IV. Visitors’ Comments: Ray Rodriguez–Coordinator-Transfer Counseling Center: Provided information and answered questions about the transfer rates, the data used to determine those rates, relative happenings statewide, latest trends, On the Spot Admissions with Chico State, cohort studies by the state and the effect private, online and out of state colleges have on our reported transfer rates. Also discussed the need to create an environment for transfer at Butte College.

A comment was made that we try to rally around announcing where the students are transferring to during graduation ceremonies.

V. Special Presentation: N/A

VI. Reports:

Comments were made that Tip Wilmarth has a new granddaughter and
that Bruce Enyeart has a new grandson.

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:
   1. Reported that this Monday, April 12th, the legislative analysts will verbally announce their definition of how the 67% law is to be interpreted.
      A. The written definition will follow shortly thereafter.
      B. Certain there will be a lot of discussion to follow.

C. Classified Senate Report – Peter Dahl: N/A

D. Professional Development – Carol Stanley-Hall:
   1. Referenced handout regarding Faculty Flex Proposal/Recommendations.
   2. Informed of proposed changes to Individual Activity Contracts in the following year:
      A. Proposed maximum of 50% of flex hours allowed through IACs for full time faculty.
      B. Proposed maximum of 75% of flex hours allowed through IACs for part time faculty.
      C. Deans/Directors signature required for preapproval by end of the eighth week of each semester.

Discussion ensued regarding flex being an opportunity for associate faculty, a need for flex to include a college engagement opportunity and opportunities for flex via DVDs, streaming videos and attending Academic Senate and similar meetings. Concerns arose over differences between full time and part time faculty availability, potential blockades and a sense of punishment for part time faculty.

3. Reported the Faculty Flex Committee serves as the Appeals Committee per BCEA Contract.
4. Mentioned that Leadership Butte VII applications are due Apr. 15th.

A comment was made that Leadership Butte participation has been a most valuable experience with tremendous community building, bonding and networking that’s invaluable to getting your job done on campus.

E. Associated Students’ Report – Janell Snead:
   1. Mentioned she has flyers available for two more events coming up on campus.
   2. Announced their upcoming elections and updates.
      A. Five student board members returning.
      B. Janell Snead to run for Student Trustee position.
   3. Reported working on questions for evaluation survey.
A. Associated Students discussion on adding those questions to the already existing Instructor Evaluations that students complete.
B. Asked the senate to email any related ideas or issues to Janell.

F. Vice President’s & Curriculum Report – Kenneth Bearden: Tabled.

VII. Unfinished Business:
A. Contractual Responsibilities: Tabled.

B. Board Policy 4030: Academic Freedom: Kenneth Bearden:
   1. Mentioned that President Jo Anne Cripe had requested the senate bring feedback for today’s meeting in hopes of voting on the issue today.

   It was moved by Bruce Enyeart and seconded by Miya Squires to approve the Board Policy 4030: Academic Freedom document. Motion carried.

C. Transfer Rates/Committee: covered that at beginning of meeting.

D. Emeritus: Tabled to the end of the meeting.

E. Calendar Committee: Tabled.

VIII. New Business:
A. Elections Results: Kenneth Bearden:
   1. Announced the results of the elections.
   2. Reported discrepancies in mailing system in regards to the updated information of full time and part time faculty mail drops.
   3. Asked the senate to consider sending out the ballots via email in the future.

B. Senate Executive Committee Nominations: tabled.

   Acting President Kenneth Bearden announced the start of closed session to discuss Emeritus. Janell Snead was excused.

   A motion was made to forward all the complete nominations to the President and Board for consideration. One nomination packet was incomplete, but it was the Senate’s position that Kenneth should contact the applicant to rectify the situation and bring it back to the Senate for consideration.

IX. Other: N/A
X. Future Agenda Items: Discussion of emeritus process.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.