Call to Order: Jo Anne Cripe, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved.

9/2 & 16/2009 Senate Meeting Outcomes Report – Kenneth Bearden: Sept. 2nd meeting reported:

A. Learned about supplemental instruction.
B. Confirmed several appointments to critical campus committees.
C. Volunteered to attend Associated Students meetings and/or mentor Associated Students Officers.
D. Discussion on the Academic Senate Goals for the 2009-10 academic year.

Sept. 16th meeting reported:

A. Learned about the Sustainability Resource Center
B. Discussed and gathered feedback from senators on the State Academic Senate Resolution concerning the Associates degree as the minimum qualifications for community college instructors
C. Discussed and approved the SLO timeline.
D. Discussed tables for the Academic Freedom Statement
E. Approved and discussed the Unit Plan Document.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for September 16, 2009 were approved.

Visitor comments: None
VI. Reports:
   A. Hearts and Flowers: Debbie Reynolds: A sympathy card was sent to Mark Trembly.

   B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks: after last senate mtg. contacted told her about the resolution. Asked her to take to governing board to keep an eye on it. Going to attend the next statewide meeting. Thoughts that it should be up to the district to decide what their process should be.

   C. Classified Senate Report - Peter Dahl: Nothing to report.

   D. Associated Student’s Report - Janell Snead: Nothing to report.

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

      a. Reported the upcoming 4-Day Work Week Faculty Forum to be held Wed. Oct. 14th in the Center for Excellence at 3:30pm. Kenneth urged senators to get feedback from their constituents and recommended encouraging colleagues to attend. President Jo Anne Cripe asked senators to send all received input to Kenneth Bearden.

      b. Reported that a topic for the Oct 7th agenda is an issue regarding VESL instructors who have been grant funded for 9 years and never tenured. Kenneth mentioned that Teresa Ward would be discussing the issue with the senate. Concerns were raised as to the contractual legalities of the matter and as to the Academic Senate’s role in the issue.

      c. Reported a new Learning Community model available next spring. Senator Molly Emmons gave background information about the model and mentioned they are hoping to get assistance from counselors in informing potential students.

   F. President’s Report: Jo Anne Cripe:

      a. AS Mentors/Mentees: Reported spending time matching mentors with mentees. President Jo Anne Cripe thanked the new senators who have agreed to act as mentors.

      b. President Jo Anne Cripe asked senator Miya Squires to lead the discussion on proctoring hours for the Center for Academic Success (CAS). Miya reported the possibility of limiting hours for test proctoring in CAS and referenced a memo regarding the issue. Miya reported that in an effort to offer test proctoring in a more secure location a room has been designed in the new building. She reported the issue of staffing a person
from tutoring funds and focusing on staffing hours most utilized by students. Miya asked senators for suggestions related to the matter. Concerns were raised about tutoring hours being too limited, Chico Center availability and Associate Faculty’s ability to provide time to mentor. President Jo Anne Cripe mentioned that other areas are also being considered for proctoring. A suggestion for better communication regarding issues with Disabled Student Services program was discussed. Another suggestion regarding the use of Blackboard for Flexibility on test proctoring and its ability to be monitored was discussed.

c. President Jo Anne Cripe reported a need for a phone number for campus police that would be easier to remember in the event of a non-emergency. The result was a creation of an additional phone number, 895-2677, that when dialing the extension on campus spells out the word “COPS”. President Cripe reminded senators to dial 911 in the event of a true emergency.

d. President Jo Anne Cripe reported a need for an Associate Faculty representative to serve on the Professional Development Steering Committee. The first meeting is Sept. 29, 09 at 3pm in the Center for Excellence followed by the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the same time and location. President Cripe mentioned the possibility of a $500 stipend attached.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. President Jo Anne Cripe referenced the handout of the Academic Freedom Statement. Senator Tip Wilmarth reported receiving feedback about the statement being too wordy, made changes accordingly, and is now seeking final feedback in order to get it published in the next catalogue. Concerns regarding student and instructor differences of opinions and grade disputes were discussed and the ability to get the assistance of a Dean. Discussion also occurred about the meaning of the word “penalty” in the statement and whether the inclusion or exclusion of certain words still retained the overall meaning. Senator Tip Wilmarth agreed to re-word the statement and send to senators for discussion at the next meeting.

B. President Jo Anne Cripe reported on the draft Academic Senate Goals that were generated from the Sept 2nd Academic Senate meeting. Goals were read aloud and discussed by the senate. Concerns about the intentions, documentation, measurability and language were discussed. Concerns were also raised about the possibility of contractual, behavioral and 10+1 issues. President Cripe urged senators to represent the opinions and concerns of their constituents and a proposal to have them solidified by the end of this academic year. Senators agreed to work together and to send President Cripe input to disseminate and discuss at the next meeting.
VIII. New Business:

A. President Jo Anne Cripe informed the senate about a need for feedback from constituents regarding the Distant Learning Management System. Discussion occurred about Blackboard, the importance of it to online faculty, costs and the similarities between different versions. President Cripe asked senators to gather input from their constituents so as to provide quantitative feedback to VP Ken Meier.

B. Facebook and YouTube – Constituency feedback needed. Senator Miya Squires reported a need for constituency feedback regarding Facebook and YouTube assignments and the impacts they have on tutors. Concerns regarding tutor’s needs to monitor students and their ability to effectively do so in open labs were discussed. Miya requested senators to forward all input to her.

C. Contractual Responsibilities: President Jo Anne Cripe reported a need for the senate to help clarify and encourage colleagues to fulfill their contractual responsibilities. Background information was discussed regarding issues of faculty not getting grades in on time, not holding classes during the last week in the term, Flex obligations and the need for comparable syllabi were discussed.

IX. Other:

X. Future Agenda Items:

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.