Members Present:  
Jo Anne Cripe – President  
Kenneth Bearden – Vice President  
Stacey Bartlett – Treasurer  
Tip Wilmarth – Secretary  
Cheryl Battles  
Shirleigh Brannon  
Stacey Burks  
Julia Coolidge  
Molly Emmons  
Angela Kraemer  
David Payne  
Carrie Roberson  
Debbie Reynolds  
Dorinda Salvo  
Miya Squires  
J. Boyd Trolinger  
Elizabeth Wannenmacher  
Julie Withers  
Peter Dahl – Classified Senate Rep

Members Absent:  
Associated Students Representative

Visitors:  
Stephanie Jimenez
Penny Lillie

I. Call to Order: Jo Anne Cripe, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes: Tabled to next meeting.

IV. Visitors’ Comments: N/A

V. Special Presentations: Stephanie Jimenez – The Safe Place (arranged by Miya Squires): Stephanie Jimenez, the Violence prevention coordinator for Butte College, presented an overview of The Safe Place. Information was given about its mission, relocation, history, safety tips and services offered. The program is funded by a grant which was initiated by Cynthia Bynoe and Dr. Laurie Beth Way. For more information contact Stephanie in Swing Space A; safeplace@butte.edu; or 530-879-6185.

VI. Reports:  
A. Hearts and Flowers – Debbie Reynolds:  
   1. Sent gift certificates and cards of sympathy to Jerry Miller and Simone Senat.  
   2. Sent a gift certificate and card of celebration to Rachel Sicke.
A comment was made regarding a desire to let Mark McKinnon know that he is in our thoughts.

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:
   1. Announced that the state budget is not resolved yet.
   2. Shared her concern that our politicians seem more concerned with protecting and preserving their political party rather than protecting and serving the people.
   3. Mentioned that Diane Feinstein and Senator Bern are moving forward with the elimination of the WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) which is up for the 2010-2011 legislative cycle. Currently the WEP affects people in two state retirement programs by having one potentially deducted from the other, e.g. Social Security and STRS.

C. Classified Senate Report – Peter Dahl:
   1. Classified Senate met over the summer to establish goals.
      A. Goal to encourage classified employees to use the Portal.
      B. Goal to address concern of committee memberships in regards to the committee chair’s approval of Classified Senate appointed representatives.
   2. Mentioned concerns over the inflexibility of the new work schedules for some classified employees as a result of the new efficient schedule.

D. Associated Students’ Report – Janell Snead N/A

E. Vice President’s & Curriculum Report – Kenneth Bearden:
   1. Curriculum Committee membership updates:
      A. Amy Antongiovanni stepped down, Robert White from Physical Science taken her place on the committee.
      B. Dorene Thompson stepped down, Boyd Trolinger from Computer Science/Drafting has taken her place on the committee.
   2. Curriculum Committee is getting close to finalizing the documentation needed for the Distance Learning Committee.
      A. Concern over faculty who come to Curriculum Committee to get approval for a course to be taught online without having a clear idea of what they’re going to do in the online course.
      B. Desire on part of Curriculum Committee to allow the Distance Learning Committee to be able to refer courses back to Curriculum Committee that have issues related to Curriculum.
   3. Concern about online classes that have face to face orientations which are not listed in the catalog as being a requirement of the course or not.
      A. In some cases the orientation is optional
      B. Some students may drop course if they miss the orientation thinking it was mandatory.
4. Concern about face to face instructors who use Blackboard exclusively in their classes and not allowing the flexibility to turn in assignments is a different mode, e.g. hand written work, etc.

Discussion ensued as to the tuition for out of state online courses, challenges facing re-entry students and the original intent of the Distance Learning Committee.

F. President’s Report – Jo Anne Cripe:

1. Announced at the All Faculty Senate Forum that the senate is seeking people interested in serving on committees.
   A. Will be sending email to faculty asking if interested in serving on committees, or if on a committee that needs more faculty representation, to contact her.
   B. Asked senators to also refer interested faculty members to her.

2. Mentioned an article from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office congratulating Julie Withers who has published an article titled “Is the community college the best place for someone to get an education”.
   A. Julie also participated in a film documentary with Lee Mun Wah, titled, “If These Halls Could Talk”.
   B. Julie currently sits on the Nominations Committee for the Statewide Academic Senate.

3. Reported an update on a personal family issue.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. Contractual Responsibilities: Jo Anne Cripe:

1. Will be resending to senators in an email what the senate came up with regarding strategies for contractual responsibility issues.

2. Announced that a breakout session occurred at the recent Great Teachers retreat to help brainstorm solutions.

3. Mentioned that Tip will be preparing the notes to have them available for discussion at our next meeting.

Comments were made and discussion ensued over students wondering where to register complaints.

B. Calendar Committee: Jo Anne Cripe:

1. Announced that we have an academic calendar set for the next several years.
   A. Calendar in sync with CSUC plan.
   B. Committee will meet again well in advance before next calendars need to be determined.

C. Transfer Rates/Committee: Jo Anne Cripe:
1. Announced the next meeting to be held Friday, Sept 3rd, 9 – 10:30am, SSG - 102.
2. Welcomed senators to attend the meeting.

A comment was made regarding a senator who thought she was on the committee but hasn’t received an invitation. Jo Anne suggested that they email Les Jauron and Ken Meier, with a CC to Gail Peters, to ask that they include her the next time an outlook invitation is sent for that committee.

VIII. New Business:
A. Review Unit Planning Guidance: Stacey Bartlett:
   2. Described the Unit Plan process.
   3. Discussed the importance for Unit Plans to be in harmony with our strategic direction.

   Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and concerns about having a good unit plan. Among the concerns were differences in perspectives among the Deans and Department Chairs, difficulties in linking unit plans with the strategic direction, the need for inclusiveness, not receiving any feedback after the unit plans are completed and the importance of having a long range view. Kenneth mentioned there is a lot of transparency regarding unit plans at many levels.

B. Review Senate Focus: Tabled to next meeting.
C. New Senator and A.S. Mentoring: Jo Anne Cripe:
   1. Announced that she gets the privilege of mentoring Janell Snead who is in her new Associated Students role as Student Trustee.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm.

The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2010 from 3pm to 4:45pm in LB 105. All meetings are open to the public.