## Academic Senate Minutes
### November 17, 2010

### Members Present:
- Jo Anne Cripe – President
- Kenneth Bearden – Vice President
- Stacey Bartlett – Treasurer
- Tip Wilmarth – Secretary
- Stacey Burks
- Julia Coolidge
- Molly Emmons
- David Payne
- Carrie Roberson
- Dorinda Salvo
- Miya Squires
- Elizabeth Wannenmacher
- Julie Withers
- Samuel Chan – Assoc Students Rep
- Peter Dahl – Classified Senate Rep

### Members Absent:
- Cheryl Battles
- Shirleigh Brannon
- Angela Kraemer
- Debbie Reynolds
- J. Boyd Trolinger

### Visitors:
- Steven Hall
- Darlissa Ebeling
- Karen L. O’Neill
- Laurel German
- Maggi Dorsett
- Judith M. Graves
- Jodi Rives
- Barbara Swire
- Susan Carey

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

### II. Approval of Agenda:
President Cripe suggested a reordering of the agenda to allow for New Business item VII.A to be discussed at 4pm.

The agenda was approved as amended.

### III. Approval of Minutes
11-03-10 Approved as amended.

### IV. Visitors’ Comments:
The visitors in the audience introduced themselves and mentioned the reasons why they were in attendance.

### V. Reports:
#### A. Hearts and Flowers – Debbie Reynolds: N/A.
1. Comments were made in sympathy for Debbie Reynolds and her family.
2. A sympathy card was sent to Magian Smith for the loss of his beloved pup Yankee.
3. A comment was made that Angela Kraemer’s foot is still not well.
4. A comment was made in sympathy of Mike Findlay for the passing of his father.

B. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:
1. Mentioned that Jerry Brown wants to get rid of the Secretary of Education position and give it instead to the Board of Education and the existing California Department of Ed.
2. Announced that the lower courts had overturned AB540, the Dream Act, however the higher courts have overruled that decision.
   A. Lower courts are still going to pursue it due to ambiguous language.
   B. Rescinded for now.
3. Reported three new resolutions that affect part-time faculty:
   A. Resources for Part-time faculty for office space.
   B. Establishment of the Part-time faculty recognition award at state level.
   C. Integration for Part-time faculty for best practices for shared governance.
   D. Reported that the State Part-time Caucus was approved through the Statewide Academic Senate.
   E. Reported that Jo Anne Cripe mentioned at Plenary how Butte College is head and shoulders above other community colleges in terms of how we treat, value and pay homage to our part-time faculty.

Jo Anne mentioned that yes, we are above the rest in comparison in regards to the stipend we have for associate faculty representatives and the percentage of representation of part-timers on our senate. She also reported learning that some senates choose, on their senate executive committee, to have a fifth position which is a Part-Time Officer.

Stacey Burks commented that the resolution was passed at the state level in 1998 for the creation of this Part-time Officer position.

C. Classified Senate Report – Peter Dahl:
1. Reported that the Classified Senate had their scheduled meeting today.
2. Mentioned the senate’s plans for a “Meet and Greet” to allow for more people to learn about the senate, senators and their constituents.
   A. Planning a larger “Meet and Greet” in the Fall semester.
3. Announced that classified senators Cari Plyley and Eva Smith are going to this year’s Classified Learning Institute.
4. Reported that the senate gave a farewell to Krista Collett as Classified Senate Secretary due to her acceptance into the Butte College Police Academy.

D. Associated Students’ Report – Samuel Chan:
1. Provided updates on the status of Zimride
   A. 207 users as of today.
   B. 150 rides posted.
2. Mentioned updates from the Technology Forum
   A. Plans for re-doing of the entire website.
   B. Plans for deletion of unused links.
   C. Plans for a new student website.
   D. Considering updating Blackboard to version 9.1 to allow apps for Iphones.
3. Announced the upcoming Anti-Racism Education event to be held Nov. 30th, 11:30am, in the Blackbox Theater.
   A. One hour lecture followed by a question and answer period.
4. Reported learning that the Financial Aid Appeals committee has been dissolved.
5. Mentioned having their last AS Give-Away today.
6. Announced that the new ID card system arrived today.
7. Reported that the Curriculum Committee approved the following:
   A. Major modifications to Latin 2.
   B. Major modifications to Latin 3.
   C. Chinese 1.
8. Announced that the Associated Students Facebook page is up and running.
9. Reported that the Cabaret was sold out last week and has received many good reviews.
10. Mentioned a student’s desire for a course that will help prepare him for writing research papers for science classes.
11. Reported a complaint a student had with their instructor.

President Cripe advised him to notify the Department Chair if a student complaint concerns a part-time instructor or the area Dean if it concerns a full-time faculty member.

Student, Darlissa Ebeling, shared her frustration and concerns over the lack of a Financial Aid Appeals committee. She was referred to the Director of Financial Aid, Carolyn Stephens, but Jo Anne stated she would look into the dissolution of the committee and the reasons behind it.
E. Vice President’s & Curriculum Report – Kenneth Bearden:

1. Mentioned that at Plenary the Academic Senate Foundation accepted donations to build a fund to provide scholarships for Associate Faculty to attend future Plenary Sessions.
   A. About $1,800 was raised.
2. Referenced document handed out regarding resolved clauses of many of the resolutions that were considered at the Academic Senate.
   A. All approved but one.
   B. One that failed wanted the Academic Senate to do research on why Associate Degrees require 18 units and not something less.
3. The actual document with all considered resolutions is posted on the Butte College Academic Senate website under “Related Documents”.
4. Clarified that the document handed out has been narrowed down to show:
   A. The resolutions having to do with SB1440, known as the Transfer Bill.
   B. The resolutions related to SB1143, Accountability Bill.
   C. The resolutions related to the CCLC’s “Commission on the Future”.
5. Reported that the Statewide Academic Senate has been working on the CID project, Course Identification Numbering System.
   A. When SB1440 passed, it was decided to use the CID project as a spring board to help develop some Transfer Model Curriculum degrees.
   B. Idea is to simplify the process, get buy-in from across the state.
   D. Discussions taking place regarding how we can best get the information out to the faculty in particular areas so they can review the information and provide input.
E. Mentioned that he missed the last Curriculum Committee meeting due to being at Plenary.

F. President’s Report – Jo Anne Cripe:

1. Asked the Senate to provide feedback on the Disciplines List that is being considered for revision.
   A. List can be found on the Statewide Academic Senate Website (www.aaccc.org).
   B. Disciplines currently considered for revision are:
      1. Health
      2. Theatre Arts
      3. Accounting
      4. Economics
      5. Dance
      6. Classics
      7. Sustainability
      8. Peace Studies
9. Futures Studies
10. Ethnic Studies
11. Education
C. Also looking at:
   1. New Disciplines
   2. Military Science disciplines

Discussion ensued and concerns arose regarding the potential impacts to faculty whose discipline is removed or altered and how it relates to Title 5.

2. Mentioned that Dr. Diana Van der Ploeg has announced her retirement.
   A. A hiring committee will include Management, Faculty, Classified and Student representation.
   B. Board of Trustees is seeking a replacement rather than an interim president.
   C. David Payne asked that his name be included on the list of potential faculty for the hiring committee.

3. Announced that quite a few board policy revisions came through.
   A. Received a packet of them
   B. The senate exec has not had time to review them.
   C. The senate will be reviewing them to affirm or express concerns

4. Reported that six people have signed up for the Academic Senate Code of Conduct Webinar.
   A. To be held Fri. Nov. 19th, AHPS 218, 10am - 11am.
   B. Can seat up to 24 people.
   C. Contact Tami Vanskike to attend.

5. Mentioned that the Senate Executive Committee met regarding the Contractual Obligations foci.
   A. A few revisions have been made to the initial list.
   B. Tip Wilmarth will add the revisions and rewrites to the obligations list and forward to the senate for review.
   C. After reviewed by the senate, will be forwarded to BCEA for approval.

Jo Anne reminded the senate that the agenda has been amended to allow the LMS Evaluation team to present at 4pm.

VI. New Business:
A. Learning Management System Evaluation & Recommendation: David Danielson, Co-Chair, Academic Technology Committee (ATC).
   1. Introduced Maggie Dorsett, Co-Chair, ATC, along with ex-officio members Dave Stephens and Chris Palmarini who are TMI Staff.
   2. Reminded the Senate of the ATC’s advisory role to the Academic Senate and the Tech Council.
   3. Provided a brief background on the two learning management systems that were evaluated.
A. Blackboard 9.1
B. Moodle 1.9

4. Announced the ATC’s recommendation to go with Blackboard 9.1. TMI Staff confirmed this recommendation.

Discussion ensued over the pros and cons of choosing one LMS over the other and the factors involved in the decision making process.

Samuel Chan, AS Rep., expressed concern that the students have not had an opportunity to provide their input and believes the Associated Students can provide appropriate feedback.

Jo Anne suggested that students have the opportunity to participate in a presentation and be given the opportunity to provide their perspectives on their experiences and provide feedback at the next Academic Senate meeting.

A motion was made by Tip Wilmarth and seconded by Elizabeth Wannenmacher to accept the expertise of the committee and go with the recommendation of Blackboard 9.1 pending concerns from the Associated Students. TMI Staff asked to present the evaluation project results to the AS Board.

Motion approved.

VII. Unfinished Business:
A. Pedagogical Cap Data: (Tabled)
B. Blackboard use in face-to-face classes: (Tabled)

VIII. New Business:
B. Emeritus Procedures: (Tabled)

IX. Future Agenda Items
A. Academic Senate Focus: (Tabled)
B. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm.