I. Call to Order: Jo Anne Cripe, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes:
3-03-10: approved
4-21-10: approved as amended
5-05-10: approved
9-01-10: approved as amended

IV. Visitors’ Comments:
1. Ian Mclean commented that he was wondering how curriculum gets approved. He was advised to talk with Kenneth Bearden or Boyd Trolinger.
2. Janell Snead commented that she will be making the student report today so that the new AS Rep, Samuel Chan can learn the process.

V. Special Presentation: Marilyn Stein – EOPS/CARE (arranged by Miya Squires): Introduced by Miya. Marilyn gave an update on her new position as Supervisor for EOPS/CARE. Provided information regarding program services, qualifications and benefits for students.

VI. Reports:
A. Professional Development – Carol Stanley-Hall:
   1. Provided updates and handouts regarding Professional Development.
      A. Discussed overall outcomes of flex workshops during Flex Week.
B. Announced that the former Faculty Friday Series is now called “Faculty Flex Afternoon Workshop Series”.
C. Mentioned an upcoming Associate Faculty Mini Conference to be held in the Spring.
D. Provided handouts and background information regarding:
   1. Faculty Flex Basics.
   2. New Travel & Conference Flex form.
   3. Guidelines for the Flexible Calendar Program.

Discussion ensued regarding Flex hours for committee participation versus Flex hours for Facilitator Teams, equity and legality issues per Title V.

B. Student Success Projects update – Miya Squires:
   1. Demonstrated how to find Title III Grant, Student Success Projects updates on the web.
   2. Provided meeting information about the Student Success Committee.
   3. Asked the senate to review the information and return any feedback to her.

C. Hearts and Flowers – Debbie Reynolds:
   1. Cards were sent to Jo Anne Cripe and Mark McKinnon.
   2. Announced that Jonathan Marhenke adopted a baby boy.

A comment made that Shawn Smith recently had a baby girl. Another comment was made requesting a card be sent to Linda Rogers.

D. Legislative Report – Stacey Burks:
   1. Referenced handout informing that the White House has announced a Community College Summit to be held Oct. 5, 2010.
      A. Summit to be chaired by Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden.
   2. Announced legislation items of interest.
      A. SB 1440 is a student transfer bill intending to try and standardize requirements deemed necessary for a transfer degree.
      B. SB 1425 affects both STRS and PERS retirement plans. Under the proposed bill, Senate Bill 1425 requires that an individual’s pension be evaluated by a series of steps in order to deter employees from padding retirement with one time bonuses, end of career “promotions” and accrued vacation time.
   3. Provided an update on the 67% law.
      A. Discussed the case laws pertaining to 67% law and how it is a local issue.
      B. Clarified how the law differs between work contracts and work assignments.
C. Intends to talk with Administration to see if a pilot can be started so that the 67% law can be utilized in certain departments.

4. Mentioned that for Associate Faculty, Travel & Conference funds do not get counted toward your sick leave/personal leave bank.

E. Classified Senate Report – Peter Dahl:
1. Announced having their first senate meeting of semester today.
   A. Welcomed their new Assoc Students Representative, Marc Thompson.
   B. Reviewed Roberts Rules of Order.
2. Reported that staff and faculty will indeed have a staff lounge.
3. Mentioned that the Classified Senate Vice President will be attending the College Council in her place to help ease her load.
4. The senate is looking forward to meeting again with the Chinese delegates.

F. Associated Students’ Report – Samuel Chan: (Janell Snead reporting):
1. Announced that the Culture and Community Center is hosting their Grand Opening on Sept. 16th from 10am-2pm in Swing Space F.
2. Reported that the Assoc Students Sustainability Resource Center has moved to Swing Space G.
3. The AS put on Welcome Week the second week of school with activities and events on the main campus and at the Chico Center.
4. Social director Ai Iwano, created the AS Street Team for people who want to be involved with AS but are not board members.
5. Announced upcoming events/activities.
   A. AS Give Away Days.
   B. AS Wireless Café
      C. Cabaret in November.
   C. Sept 29-30th will be Club Promotion Days.
   D. Student Forum to be held Sept 28th.
6. Mentioned that Samuel Chan has been appointed the Academic Affairs Director.
7. Announced new rideshare program called Zimride to assist in carpooling.
8. The AS provided funding for the following:
   A. AS Vice Presidents of Internal and External Affairs will both receive funding to allow for their travels to conferences.
   B. Butte College Cabaret.
   C. Safe Place program for events on campus.

G. Vice President’s & Curriculun Report – Kenneth Bearden:
1. Announced the upcoming Make a Difference Day event on Oct. 23rd.
   A. 23 projects including painting and landscaping
   B. Need Project Leaders.
   C. Encourage students to participate.
   D. Contact Kristin Milinkevich, Kathleen Hassig or Magian Smith for more info.
2. Mentioned Clinton Slaughter’s update on the Seven Days to Pay.
A. Reported drops in students and sections.
B. 30% increase in FAFSA applications and earlier submissions of apps.
C. Described how our systems payment plans offers assistance that is not offered at some colleges.

3. Mentioned updates on the Distance Learning Committee.
   A. Issue with closed captioning video courses needing to be available at the student’s request.
   B. Grant funding available in the state to cover costs.
   C. Contact Bambi Mayfield or Dan Barnett for assistance.

4. Reported that Les Jauron has put together a summary report of the Accreditation Follow-up Survey.

H. President’s Report – Jo Anne Cripe:
   1. Reminded that the senate meetings are scheduled for the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month.
   2. Reported issues with the traffic light on Durham-Pentz road mentioned at the College Council.
      A. Mike Miller is going to try to have the light adjusted to better meet our morning student needs.
      B. Asked the senate to email any concerns to Mike Miller.

VII. Unfinished Business:
   A. Unit Planning Guidance: Jo Anne Cripe:
      1. Please inform your classified and faculty colleagues to please share any concerns they may have.

B. Transfer Task Force: Jo Anne Cripe:
   1. Announced that the Transfer Task Force met Friday Sept. 3rd.
   2. Reported that the Task Force will be more of an open group rather than a standing committee.
   3. Mentioned that if anyone is interested in being a faculty co-chair to please let her know.

VIII. New Business:
   A. Review Senate Focus: Jo Anne Cripe:
      1. Referenced handout of last year’s Senate Focus.
      2. Reviewed and updated focus list as agreed by the senate.
      3. Mentioned that a draft letter from the Senate Exec Committee may help in soliciting information from their constituents.
      4. Agreed with senators on the success of the breakout sessions used to help determine the senate’s focus.

   B. Increased Demands on Faculty: Tabled

   C. Waitlists: Tabled.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.