

# *Academic Senate*

# 2006-2007

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## Minutes

### *Meeting of the Representative Council*

*Thursday, April 19, 2007*

*2 - 4 p.m., B102*

#### **Senate Officers:**

Wendy Gabriella, President: Absent  
 Jeff Kaufmann, Vice President: Present  
 Past President: Vacant  
 Traci Fahimi, Recorder: Present  
 Greg Bishopp, Chair, Academic Affairs: Absent  
 Kathy Schmeidler, Chair, Courses: Proxy

#### **Senators:**

##### **Business Science:**

Kenn Bennett Present  
 Dave Shinnick Proxy

##### **Fine Arts**

Stephen Rochford Present  
 Jan Wyma Present

##### **Guidance & Counseling**

Bari Rudmann Present  
 Steve Lee Present

##### **Health/PE/Athletics**

Tom Pestolesi Proxy  
 Martin McGrogan Present

#### **Humanities & Languages**

Roy Bauer Present  
 Julie Willard Present

#### **Library Services**

Carol Wassmann Present  
 Fred Forbes Proxy

#### **Life Sciences & Technologies**

David Fretz Proxy  
 Roland Rodriguez Proxy  
 Kathy Schmeidler (Proxy/Alternate) Proxy  
 Jeff Kaufmann (Proxy/Alternate) Present

#### **Math/CIS/Engineering**

Miriam Castroconde Proxy  
 Rich Zucker Absent  
 Dottie Sherling (alternate) Present

#### **Physical Sciences & Technology**

Ray Chandos Absent

#### **Social & Behavioral Sciences**

Elizabeth Chambers Present  
 Yemmy Taylor Proxy  
 Mark McNeil (alternate) Absent

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

#### **B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

##### **Item 1: Adoption of Agenda**

*Discussion:* None

*Actions Taken:* (1) Motion passed: Adopt the agenda

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**C. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**Guests Present:** Cal Nelson, Interim Vice President Instruction; Karima Benremouga, Dean Humanities and Fine Arts; Michael Morely, ASIVC President.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public Comments were made by:** Michael Morely, who encouraged faculty to attend and observe ASIVC meetings.

**E. RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

*Discussion:* None

*Action Taken:* Minutes were approved.

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**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Academic Affairs:** No report

**Curriculum:** No report

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Item 3: Committee Assignments**

*Discussion:* None

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To appoint Kari Tucker to the Assistant Research Specialist Hiring Committee.

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**H. OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 4: Curriculum Revisions 2007-2008**

*Discussion:* None

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: Approve the 2007-2008 curriculum revisions posted on the intranet during the week of April 12, 2007.

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**Item 5: District Planning Process**

*Discussion:* The Representative Council engaged in a rather extensive discussion of the proposed district-wide goals, including asking questions regarding implementation, such as who will determine how funds will be allocated to meet these goals and who will spearhead implementation, the colleges or the district. A number of wording changes were recommended (see motion below).

*Action:* Motion passed: To make the following changes to the proposed district-wide goals (of 4-18-07): (1) Add a short preamble that succinctly states the purpose, value and role of district-wide goals in the context of district planning and college planning that makes it clear that the district is stepping away from

interference in the college strategic planning process; (2) Change the wording of #2 to “Provide a safe and secure environment for faculty, staff and students”; (3) Change the wording of #4 to “Ensure that students, faculty, and staff are informed in a timely fashion of and have access to services, programs, and policies”; (4) Change the wording of #8 to “Promote a positive district-wide image by encouraging respectful and collegial interactions among faculty, staff, students, administrators, trustees, and the community”; (5) Change the wording of #9 to “Recruit and hire a highly qualified and diverse professional population and provide them with opportunities to succeed through constructive and timely evaluation and professional development.”

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**Item 6: Accreditation Midterm Report Due October 2007—Special Board Meeting**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann encouraged all faculty to attend the special Board Meeting regarding accreditation recommendations on Monday, 23 April 2007, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Health Science Auditorium at Saddleback College.

*Action Taken:* None. Item was for information only.

**Item 7: Budget Development Process**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann reported that the administration is currently reviewing the proposed Budget Development Process and there is nothing new to report at this time.

*Action Taken:* None.

**Item 8: Student Learning Outcomes (ACCJC Annual Report 2006-2007)**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann reported that this report will be addressed at the 3 May 2007 Representative Council meeting.

*Action Taken:* None. Item was for information only.

**Item 9: Institutional Learning Outcomes**

*Discussion:* The Representative Council energetically discussed the Institutional Learning Outcomes and proposed several revisions. Under “Aesthetic Awareness” bullet two garnered the most attention from people in Fine Arts. They take issue with the concept of “appreciation”, feeling that it trivializes and demeans art as an academic discipline. One attempt at rewriting that second bullet point was as follows: “Identify and recognize opportunities to participate in creative arts as an artist or performer.” Despite this attempt at wordsmithing, the debate continued and the final motion did not include that sentence, but instead a recommendation for the GE Committee to consult with Fine Arts faculty about appropriate wording for bullet point two. A second set of concerns was brought up regarding the section on “Personal, Professional and Civic Responsibilities”:

(1) First bullet: Change to “Identify and recognize opportunities to address civic and environmental needs.” The argument here is that “needs” are better

“addressed” than “contributed to”. (2) Second bullet: Remove the words “Apply techniques that” and “emotional well-being” and leave the rest the same, on the grounds that “apply techniques” and “emotional well-being” are difficult to define and measure and ultimately come of sounding like too “new agey”. No one defended leaving either “techniques” or “emotional well-being” in the wording.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: Adoption of the Institutional Learning Outcomes with the following recommendations/revisions: The Representative Council advises the GE Committee to seek advice from Fine Arts faculty on appropriate wording for the second institutional learning outcome under “Aesthetic Awareness” and to make changes to “Personal, Professional and Civic Responsibilities” as follows: (1) First bullet: Change to “Identify and recognize opportunities to address civic and environmental needs” and (2) Second bullet: Change to “Promote physical and mental well-being; self management; maturity; and ethical decision-making”.

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**Item 10: Senate Recommendations on ASIVC Constitution, By-Laws and Budget Development Process.**

*Discussion:* The Representative Council had a lengthy discussion of these issues with the participation of Michael Morely, ASIVC President. Mr. Morely suggested that faculty participate in ASIVC meetings so that they will learn about and better understand the policymaking processes of ASIVC and have more opportunities to share ideas directly with ASIVC policymakers. The Representative Council expressed its desire to see posting of full copies of the ASIVC Constitution, By-Laws and Budget Development Process on the web and to have the Budget Development Process occur in a timely and open fashion.

*Actions Taken:* (1) Motion passed: The Representative Council recommends that the ASIVC review and revise as necessary the ASIVC Constitution and By-laws to address inconsistencies and conform to best practices.

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(2) Motion passed: The Representative Council recommends that the ASIVC develop a Budget Allocation Process.

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**Item 11: ASIVC Co-Curricular Guidelines (Senate Recommendations)**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann distributed the current copies (with yellow covers) of the ASIVC Co-Curricular Guidelines. He reported that a revised version has begun circulating at the administrative level and that the faculty may soon have an opportunity for input once the document goes public.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: Table item 11

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**Item 12: ATEP**

*Discussion:* None

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: The Representative Council recommends that the ICON proposal be tabled by the Board of Trustees until the Irvine Unified School District includes budgetary line items appropriate for service provisions and personnel.

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**Item 13: Senate Elections (Results)**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann reported that Wendy Gabriella and Greg Bishopp had won the offices of Senate President and Senate Vice President, respectively.

*Action Taken:* None. Item was for information only.

**Item 14: Program Discontinuance (Electronics)**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann reported that the formal recommendations of this Task Force have not yet been circulated and the item will be re-agendized for the next meeting.

*Action Taken:* None

**Item 15: Full-Time Faculty Hiring Priority List 2008-2009**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann reported on the process he and President Gabriella used to calculate the Full-Time Faculty Hiring Priority List. It was quickly pointed out by counselors that an error was committed by not including counseling replacement positions in Tier 1. VP Kaufmann announced that a corrected list will be presented at the 3 May 2007 Representative Council meeting.

*Action Taken:* None

**Item 16: Articulation Officer 2007-2009**

*Discussion:* None

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To appoint Kate Clark to the post of Articulation Officer, 2007-2009

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**Item 17: Honors Director 2007-2009**

*Discussion:* None.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To appoint Dottie Sherling to the post of Honors Director, 2007-2009

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**Item 18: Teacher of the Year**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann announced the results of the Teacher of the Year selection process: Rich Zucker, Full-Time, Rick Shank, Adjunct.

*Actions Taken:* None. Item was for information only.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 19: Senate Elections (Open Nominations for Officers)**

*Discussion:* The following nominations have been forwarded: Curriculum Chair—Kathy Schmeidler; Academic Affairs Chair—Jeff Kaufmann; Recorder—Traci Fahimi.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To open nominations for officers.

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**Item 20: Director of Fiscal Services Hiring Committee (District).**

*Discussion:* None. No nominations were received.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To open nominations.

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**Item 21: Director of Facilities and Purchasing Hiring Committee (District).**

*Discussion:* None. No nominations were received.

*Action Taken:* Motion passed: To open nominations.

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**Item 22: Administrative Reorganization—Dean of Workforce Development & Career Technology**

*Discussion:* Vice President Kaufmann answered questions from the floor on this matter. The gist of the discussion was that although ideally a re-organization would take place after the Strategic Planning Process has generated a recommendation, the administration has a right to re-organize, the issue is not part of the 10 plus 1 areas of Senate collegial consultation, and the re-organization does not constitute a program realignment.

*Action Taken:* None

**J. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

No reports

**K. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report

**L. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN FORUM**

No announcements

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.