



## Academic Senate Highlights October 14, 2008

**Public Comments:** Liz Estrella (Dean of Dev. Ed.) reminded the Senate that last spring the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) Task Force requested that they become a part of the governance structure. Since no action was taken then, she requested that the senate address the request at a future meeting. The BSI Task Force also recommends that developmental education be incorporated into the college's mission statement.

**President's Report:** Welcome to new adjunct faculty senator, David Kopp! The Senate received an excerpt from the budget summary presented to the board. [http://www.hartnell.edu/board/packets/October\\_2008\\_Special\\_Meeting\\_Board\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.hartnell.edu/board/packets/October_2008_Special_Meeting_Board_Packet.pdf) The budget includes an FTES history. The Resource Allocation Council (RAC) discussed the college's one time opportunity to restore the \$1.8 million that was lost to the base funding when the college lost FTES in '04-'05. The Senate was asked to consider ways that the college could meet FTES goals that would enable us to do that. [More on this in a separate communication later.] The January training still has 5 slots for faculty. They will be made available to adjunct faculty, starting with programs that have no full time faculty. Senators were asked to sign up to present on a Senate paper of their choice. State Senate papers are available on a variety of topics at <http://www.asccc.org/Publications/Publications.htm>

**Discussion Items:** There appears to have been a lack of planning for impacts of construction. The classroom refresh project showed little evidence of planning for the impacts on instruction. Problems ranged from temporarily inappropriate instructional spaces, to spaces permanently redesigned without faculty input, to comments by students about the "ghetto classrooms" at the beginning of the semester. The construction at Alisal campus has had impacts on the horses and pasture needed by the AHT program. The eventual demolition of the Tech building will have impacts on programs that currently have workshops, equipment and specialized classrooms in that building. The Human, Technology, and Facilities Resource Planning Committee has just begun to meet. This committee will be asked to begin the necessary planning and the Senate will keep in close communication.

**The Distance Ed Best Practices Paper was adopted in 2003 and has not been revisited since.** The Senate discussed how to use the information in the paper to establish goals and priorities for DE. [http://www.hartnell.edu/academic\\_senate/documents/disedfinalreport03.pdf](http://www.hartnell.edu/academic_senate/documents/disedfinalreport03.pdf) Creating an environment where faculty feel comfortable offering courses in DE mode is a potential theme. Included in this are the goals of: faculty development, negotiation of clear load definitions, adequate technological support for faculty and students, online readiness instruction and assessment for students, and quality control assurance. The Senate will be inviting faculty who teach online to address the Senate about the issues they see as important. Future agenda will include adopting priorities and forming a Senate DE committee.

**The Senate will request** that all disciplines with full time faculty officially report what will be required in order for curriculum in the discipline to be determined. We will address the issue for disciplines with no full time faculty at a later time.

**Action Items:**

**The Senate adopted nine goals for 2008-'09.** See attached goal document for the list.

**The Senate appointed peer evaluators** for probationary faculty.

Janet Pessagno for Sunita Lanka	Ann Wright for Barbara Durham	Andy Watt for Matt Collins
Neil Ledford for Val Rodriguez,	Ann Wright for Alex Edens	Pimol Moth for Brooke Haag
Neil Ledford for Ko Cooper	Yoshiko Matsushida-Arao for Larry	Yvonne Reid for Daniel Ortega
Neil Ledford for Steven Triano	Adams	Bob Spier for Tony Anderson (only if arbitration results require evaluation)
Susan Hovde for Mary Cousineau	Danny Teresa for Andrew Vasher	
Melissa Stave for Debra Kazcmar	Jeff Hughey for Janeen Whitmore	
Kelly Locke for Nancy Schur	Carol Kimbrough for Sharon Radel	

**The Senate adopted the following motion:** Once a faculty member has been duly appointed by the Senate to a committee, he or she may be selected to serve on any subcommittee authorized by that committee without further consultation with the Senate. As a consequence, there is now a Catalog subcommittee of Curriculum consisting of the following people:

Carl Christensen	Ruby Garcia	Langston Johnson	Greg Peterson
LaVerne Cook	Linda Gutierrez	Kelly Locke	Kathleen Rose
Mary Dominguez	Jeff Hughey	Kathy Mendelsohn	Melissa Stave

Carol Kimbrough was appointed as an additional member of the committee (appointment required because she is not currently a member of Curriculum Committee).

**Other committee appointments (see attached committee listing for all appointments to date):**

EM/Matric/Student Policies Committee

Alejandra Gutierrez—senate representative

Yoshiko Matsushida-Arao—LA/FA/SS

Andy Watt—PE

Jeanne Garcia—Occ. Ed.

Nancy Schur—Math/Sci/Nursing

Technology, Human, and Facilities Resources Planning

Peggy Mayfield—Library

Daniel Perez—LA/FA/SS alternate