

**Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Foothill College Academic Senate
January 08, 2001 2:30-4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order: Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:40pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Minutes from December 4, 2000 were approved as written

3. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C Robert Chavez - faculty rep. for Middlefield Staff director Position

4. Committee Repor

M/S/C: the Senate directed the President to write a letter to the Board of Trustees re the Senate's role in curriculum matters and the importance of allowing the participatory government processes to move forward.

5. Old Business

a. State of the District Budget - Blackwood

Blackwood distributed various budget scenarios. There are concerns about the ending balance this year. Energy costs and benefits may increase considerably. The District is being cautious until the Governor's budget and the summer/fall enrollments are finalized. The budget picture should be clearer by the end of January. Continued growth is vital for a healthy economic outlook.

b. Associate of Applied Science Degree - Hurd

Hurd distributed information re the Illinois State adopted AAS degree that serves students who attend community colleges for training and education for two years with the intent of working in their field of study. There are transfer AA & AS degrees for those who wish to continue. The GE requirements are fewer and tailored to the field of study for the AAS degree.

c. ETS update - Rouse

Willie Pritchard was selected to be the new Vice Chancellor for Technology.

d. Math 103-105 Update - Rouse

See above under Board Meeting report.

e. Academic Integrity - Follow up. Deferred until handout is available.

f. Sentinel Update - Rouse.

Paul Starer will teach English 4 winter quarter and will publish the Sentinel. Dimitra Tzimopoulos, Student body President, is to be congratulated for her unflagging support and drive to resurrect the Sentinel.

6. New Business

a. Dead Week Committee Activities - Rouse & Feig.

Rouse on behalf of Feig, requested that the Senate approve no committee activity for faculty the week before finals, similar to the practice at some universities. A discussion followed re the relevancy of Dead Week in a quarter system.

M/S/C The Senate recommended that Dead Week be removed from the Student Calendar as it was neither relevant nor desirable with a quarter system.

b. Student Technology Awards - Rouse

Attachment 1 announced technology awards from Microsoft and included a form to fill out by January 26, 2001. Senators were asked to nominate students for these awards.

c. Hayward Award - Rouse

Senators were asked to contact their faculty to nominate their colleagues for Educational

Excellence. A one-paragraph nomination must be returned to Rouse by noon on Tues. January 16, 2001. Senators will select their nominee on January 22, 2001.

7. Committee Members and/or ratification needed

Carried over to next meeting

8. Hearings

Thunen announced that the Senate web page was up with all the minutes and the committee appointments. The URL is: <http://krypton.fhda.edu/~cthunen/senate> Please bookmark this on your computer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Refreshments: Ron Oburn , January 22, 2001 - please bring receipts