

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Foothill College Academic Senate
January 29, 2001 2:30-4:30 PM

Members Present:

Larry Rouse, President
Charlotte Thunen, Vice-President & Library
Marilyn McDonald, Treasurer & At-Large Faculty
Mike McHargue, Chair of I of I/ T&L
Rosemary Arca, Language Arts
Richard Morasci, Language Arts
Shirley Barker, Curriculum Co-Chair
Bea Cashmore Adaptive Learning
Robert Hartwell, Fine Arts
Sandy Lynn, Physical Sci & Math
Greg McIlhiney, CTIS
Ron Oburn, PE & Human Performance
Dolores Peterson, Business & Social Science
Irv Ploke, PE & Human Performance
Phyllis Spragge, Biology & Health Science
Victoria Taketa, Counseling
Bill Tinsley, Business & Social Science

Members Absent:

Rosemary Arca
Shirley Barker
Charlotte Thunen

Guests:

Edward Gunawan, Sentinel reporter
Louis Robinson, ASFC
Dimitra Tzimpoulous, Student Liaison

1. Call to Order: Rouse called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C Minutes from January 22, 2001 were approved as amended.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar:

M/S/C Shirley Barker—selection committee—Director of Facility/Operations

M/S/C Economics position hiring committee: Konnilyn Feig, Jay Patyk, Dolores Davison Peterson

4. Committee Reports and Announcements:

- a. **Meeting with Bernadine 1/24:** Bernadine suggested that the faculty come up with 5 alternative lesson plans in case the lights/computers go down. It was suggested that Rouse and Bernadine issue a joint memo regarding this idea.
- b. **Chancellor's Advisory Council 1/26:** Leo Chavez presented slides that he intends to present to the legislature to convince them of the need for more funding. Rouse cautioned that one way which might be suggested for raising funds is to increase tuition.
- c. **ETAC:** Rouse distributed notes from Roxanne Mendrinou our Senate rep.
- d. **Middlefield Campus:** Rouse advised about the potential problem developing with the Middlefield campus: The Palo Alto School District is interested in reclaiming the campus, and if they choose to do so, Foothill will have 4 years (contract ends in 2002, requires 2 years notice to vacate).

5. Old Business:

- a. **Response to the Math Implementation Date by the Board:** The letter went to the Board of Trustees and is on the agenda for the 2/5/01 Board Meeting. It was suggested that the Senate President send an attachment to the Board defining primary reliance.

- b. **NISOD Educational Excellence Award:** six candidates' names were brought forward (Ken Horowitz, Larry Rouse, Jody Craig, Konnilyn Feig, Scott Lankford, and Robert Hartwell). Next week, after discussion with the selected faculty, two of the above will be chosen to travel to the award ceremony in May.
- c. **Textbook Orders:** Deferred.
- d. **Plus/Minus Grading Update:** Paul Setziol is currently working on the grading issue on his winter quarter staff development leave. If +/- grading, is adopted, it must conform to the standard of "uniformity of opportunity", not "uniformity of application" and must also ensure that there will be no compromise on academic freedom. It was noted that, based on the student survey conducted last year, most Foothill students opposed +/- grading, A concern was expressed that since +/- grading mostly affects students, the faculty should drop the issue, since only a slim majority favored it on both campuses. The Senate suggested that McHargue work with Setziol. The Senate will await their report before determining the next course of action.
- e. **F/W grade and Withdrawal Dates:** These are the issues that will be discussed at the joint Senate meeting February 26th at DAC. Currently the two colleges have different weeks designated as the withdrawal date (9th for FH, 7th for DA) Both these issues must be accepted by the District as a whole and included in the catalogs.

6. New Business

- a. **Joint Senate Mtg.:** 2/26, at DA; major agenda items will be withdrawal date and F/W grade
- b. **Faculty Commencement Speaker:** Tinsley has received 5 names for faculty speaker and will