

Academic Senate Minutes
October 3, 2011

Called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Senate introductions: senators introduced themselves, and the divisions they represent. Officers and liaison from cabinet, FA, and classified senate introduced themselves as well.

Announcements:

PDL Committee needs faculty to serve, especially in fall quarter. Meets every other Thursday, and alternates between Foothill and De Anza College

Facilities Master Plan Committee needs 2-3 faculty members (full-time or part-time). The committee will be addressing facility concerns such as architectural planning and accessibility

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Shewfelt removed from PE hiring committee

Goals of the Academic Senate for 2011-2012:

- Increase participation (faculty)
- Increase participation in broader governance
- Increase communication
- Increase dialogue (faculty/cabinet)
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The Accreditation site visit will occur from October 24-October 27. There will be an afternoon reception on Monday, October 24. The Accreditation team will give an "exit" summary of their visit on October 27 (Thursday) at 12:30."

There was some discussion of athletics, and the ability to join or merge programs at Foothill and De Anza. The senate is often structurally on the sidelines in many of these processes. The structure and process of program discontinuance is important for outcomes. It is hard for faculty to be a part of these activities (time commitment and faculty participation). Academic program development is a shared process (faculty and administration). Create a transparent process for why particular programs are being considered for discontinuation. There was a tension between openness in program discontinuance and criteria for success

Meeting was adjourned 4:06 p.m.