



Classified Senate Minutes

Room 733

October 26, 2006

In Attendance: Monica Hagmaier, Catherine Parks, Pat Sanchez, Carolyn Whelchel, Marisela Delgadillo, Chuck Helms, Olivia Wolfe, Regina Daxon, Lora Gauthreaux, Pattie Foster, Anita Ward, Rachel Chavez, Summer Day

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Kathie Hodge, Lynnette Pratt, Sharon Kelly, Masumi Oberlin, Jackie Evans, Linda Millikan

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monica Hagmaier called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked for approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2006 meeting. **Motion:** Olivia Wolfe moved to approve the minutes, Regina Daxon seconded. **(Approved)**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

President's Announcements:

August 24 meeting-need notes for minutes. Anyone who has notes, please send to Monica.

- **PAC Update:** Joumana McGowan asked what is going to be done with carryover monies. Dr. Hodge suggested keeping monies on the side to see if anything comes up.
 - Distance Ed: Formed a new committee - Distance Education Advisory Committee. Monica will speak to them to find out what the makeup is and who is on committee. What to keep the program funds ongoing.
 - Goals: FY06-07 retrofitted goals draft exists. Has not been approved. Still looking for FY07-08 goals, Senators check with constituents to see if they have ideas.
 - Budget Development Committee: The 4.3% COLA Growth increase has been passed, but not sure of the break down for each area. The increase based on FTES and the proposed draft for the request for ongoing money were both tabled until next meeting due to more clarification needed.
 - Project Updates: Janet Portolan gave updates on projects throughout the campus, including:
 - Campus Commons – On schedule and on budget, pouring of concrete to begin shortly and may have walls up by February.
 - Classroom Office Building – Bids have gone out, will report when more info is given.
 - Part of the North B lot will be fenced in at the end of December. Some student lots will be reallocated for employee parking.
 - Bids for the new Wilshire Administrative Building went out.
 - Still working on the chilled water project, will be worked on during holiday break.

DR. HODGE VISIT: Welcomed all and said glad to be here and glad to see us all together, united. Dr. Hodge glad that Classified has a group to voice issues and make decisions that serve our students well.

Governance her sole interest to make sure a separate space is set for issues other than union decisions.

Classified Senate about governance and decision making at Fullerton College. PAC Meetings will be the best and most consistent places that Classified voice will be heard and filters. FC making a commitment that Classified Senate voices are heard. The info taken from PAC needs to be brought back to CS meetings, via CS President. Faculty Senate works the same way. Dean's Council has the same format. This way all information should be heard more than once and ensures all info is disseminated. Hearing the three different perspectives gives Dr. Hodge different viewpoints to help her make decisions.

Communication helps with better understanding and keeps gossip from occurring.

Important: When and how things happen. Convocation: Shared governance does not mean everyone gets to speak each time. Not being invited to speak does not mean anything. The Convocation was already filled with stress being in a parking lot, and already a lot of complaints due to the nature of the event.

Event ended well, but Dr. Hodge made to feel uncomfortable due to CS sitting in front row arms crossed, staring at her while she spoke, because CS was not invited to speak.

Very excited about the CS and that all officers are in place.

Q&A

Regina Daxon: father part of district also, campus wide issue: Attitude with teachers that say: teachers run the campus, we have the say, you do not count, the school would not run without the teachers. CS works with students directly and makes a difference. CS have not say. Wants faculty to see that we are important also.

KH: Complex issue. Dr. Hodge only here 3 years. When she got here faculty said the same things, they did not feel valued by management. She tried to empower Faculty and Classified Senate. Has seen much more cohesion since she came to FC. We need to partner to grow and have a voice. Partnership in decision-making. CS needs to give Dr. Hodge great ideas so she can give credit to the CS in public.

Smoking issue: Students over the past two years have been working on making campus non-smoking. District says it's a campus issue. Students needed to be involved in getting the policy changed. Faculty shot them down. Students kept going to Faculty until they said okay. Then board policy changed until it was a district policy. Cypress did not agree. Students went to Board of Trustees to get Cypress and Fullerton to have separate smoking policies. Board changes, but the CSEA put in a challenge and everything stopped. Campus changed with constructions and do not comply with state law. Law states 20' away from buildings. The campus is still without a formally adopted policy. CS is encouraged to give ideas.

Catherine Parks; students how to enforce? What can students do to help enforce a non-smoking campus?

Dr. Hodge: Nicotine patches, etc.

- Linda Millikan asked: what does Faculty say?
- Summer Day: Can we put on A&R site, no smoking 20' away from building, sent out with new registration info.
- Rachel Chavez: Convocation: purpose of convocation: formally, publicly open the school year. Get everyone an opportunity to gather. Dr. Hodge likes to have it as an eating/socializing event. Convocation goes back to Oxford, old-school, academia ritual. Faculty used to wear their regalia and take an oath. A scholarly paper was read. It has morphed into modern day rituals. We get to start again every 6 months, so that is great about our profession.
- Pattie Foster: when CS first formed as a group, the student rep spoke, Joumana McGowan and Cynthia Wafer spoke. Pattie asked Cynthia if she was speaking and Cynthia wrote to Kathie. Either Debra or Kathie sent a note back to Cynthia, that the event is basically for Faculty.
- Regina: Dr. Hodge has an open door policy, for any one of us. We should not wait till things blow up, we should take issues directly to the President to discuss.
- Olivia Wolfe: the leftover members along with the new members of CS are serious and want to move forward the carry on with the work at hand. Dr. Hodge agrees and appreciates the support.
- Jackie Evans: Regina makes a good point, go to the source right away for facts, do not spread gossip.

SENATOR REPORTS:

Pattie Foster: Kandi Patterson retiring next week. Invited members personally to her retirement. Been with college 25 years.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Staff Development-Allocation and Approval Process:

\$8,000 budget. Need to discuss certain amount per training, or get other idea's.

Lisa Nelson *request to attend Far West Athletic Trainers – approved via email.*

Received two requests from Juan Cuevas - Far West Athletic Trainers (same as Lisa) \$1,026.55 and Sports Clinic Foundation Seminar \$845.00. Disapprove this one. PE to be told the amount approved for Lisa Nelson's travel (\$1,026.55) is all they are getting and PE can decide who gets it Lisa, Juan, or split. Regina feels we should not pay for someone's education or keeping up on their licenses.

Now Mary is gone, no CS is on the Staff Development Committee. Brian Dean has not heard about meetings. Monica to check into who the Staff Development Rep is from CS.

B. By Laws-Clarification - Tabled

Public Comments:

Fire Extinguisher Training: Contact Linda Lozano

Homecoming: November 8th, Coney Island Carnival, State of the Union Address 11:55 am – 12:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 am

Carolyn Marie Whelchel
Recording Officer