

**Cañada College Academic Senate Governing Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

**Council Members in Attendance:** Patty Dilko, Martin Partlin, Katie Schertle, Carol Rhodes, David Clay, Monica Malamud, Jenny Castello, Denise Erickson, Paul Roscelli, Arturo Hernandez

**Senate Members and Guests in Attendance:** Marilyn McBride, Alicia Aguirre, Jean Mach, Jeremy Ball, Elizabeth Terzakis,

**1. Call to Order:** 1:36

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to remove #7, #8, and #9 from the Agenda. Passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** 4/26/07 Regular Meeting Minutes: Approved. 4/26/07 Special Forum Minutes: Approved.

**4. Public Comment:** Waitlists will be brought back in August. The Presidential Hiring Committee has identified two candidates who will be answering questions in Special Forums scheduled for next week.

**5. Old Business:**

**5.1 Committee Appointments:**

**5.1.1** Sharon Finn is replacing Carolyn Jung for Curriculum.

**5.1.2** Jenny Castello has been approved for another term as Curriculum Chair.

**5.2 Scholarship for Teaching and Learning Proposal at CSM:** This is a kind of professional growth process which can be developed to focus on how we teach rather than what we teach. Themes are established (e.g. Using Technology in the Classroom, Creating Civics-Minded Students) and proposals submitted by instructors. These instructors have release time to compile research about teaching methods and learning styles and then apply their findings in the classroom. Finally, these instructors give workshops to the rest of the college community and assemble all relevant data collected during the process in a binder for all to access. It has been suggested that a District-wide process could be extremely beneficial for all three colleges. Motion to direct Denise to follow the progress of the SoTL project at CSM and create an opportunity for us to participate: Passed.

**5.3 Responses from Honors Forum:** The Forum was generally found to be informative. Some reservations were expressed about the contract honors system. Part of the benefit of an honors program is to have the honors students interacting in the classroom setting. A challenge for Cañada would be to find enough students ready and willing to take honors courses. If strong support is given by the faculty, reassigned time could be given to any faculty member working on researching an honors program here. Motion to recommend that the VPI discuss this with the President so that further investigation with reassigned time can be started in the fall: Passed.

**5.4 Plus-Minus Grading:** Skyline has decided not to have plus/minus grading based on responses from a student forum. Should we pursue this further? Motion to support a survey of the faculty members at the three campuses: Passed.

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**6. New Business:**

**6.1 Accreditation Report:** The unedited draft of the planning agendas was presented. Two themes which stand out are professional development and student learning outcomes. Motion to endorse the collaborative effort of the accreditation self study process: Passed. (A final draft will be presented to the Board of Trustees on July 11 and is scheduled on the July 25<sup>th</sup> agenda as an action item for approval.)

**6.2 Strategic Planning Report:** Motion for the ASGC to endorse the Strategic Planning process as a collaborative effort: Passed. Motion that we should not go forward with the document as posted on the web as of May 10 due to grammatical and stylistic weaknesses: Passed.

**6.3 Concurrent Enrollment/Distance Education Advisory Committee Update:** There are concerns that both concurrent enrollment and distance education have serious drawbacks which have not been addressed adequately since both initiatives have not undergone sufficient planning and processing via District and local shared governance. Motion that the District Academic Senate advise the district administration to take no action on distance education until DEAC reconvenes in the fall and policies that are being developed can be properly vetted. Passed. Motion that the District Academic Senate advise the district administration to take no action on concurrent enrollment (except for summer exploratory faculty summits) until the fall semester and policies that are being developed can be properly vetted. Passed.

**6.4 Basic Skills Initiative/Dale Tillery Institute:** A team of five people can be sent to a three-day conference in Berkeley in August. Faculty members who are interested should contact their ASGC division reps for more information.

**6.5 Proposed Changes to the Academic Renewal Policy:** There is a proposal to change the wait period from three years to one year. Motion to approve the proposal: Passed with one abstention.

**6.6 Cañada ASGC Election Results:** Results of 44 validated ballots: Martin Partlan, President (39), David Clay, Vice President (38), [Vice President write-in votes for Bob Lee (1) and Monica Malamud (4)], accept the bylaw changes (41), not accept the bylaw changes (1). There were three invalid ballots which were not counted.

**7. Committee Reports:** Postponed until next meeting.

**8. Matters of Academic Interest:** Postponed until next meeting.

**9. Matters of Council Interest/Info from the State Senate:** Postponed until next meeting.

**10. Motion to Adjourn:** 4:49 p.m.

**11. Upcoming Meetings:** No more this semester!

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