

Cañada College Academic Senate Governing Council Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2007

Council Members in Attendance: Patty Dilko, Martin Partlan, Katie Schertle, Jenny Castello, Denise Erickson, David Clay, Monica Malamud, Carol Rhodes, Paul Roscelli, Lezlee Ware

Senate Members and Guests in Attendance: Bob Lee, Salumeh Eslamieh, Jing Luan, Anthony Perez, Michael Stanford

1. Call to Order: 1:36

2. Adoption of Agenda: David moved. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes (11/30/06): Monica moved. Denise seconded. Carol abstained. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment: N/A

5. Old Business:

5.1 Committee Appointments: N/A

5.2 Plus/Minus Grading: A student forum has been scheduled at Skyline. Should we plan our own student forum? One objection is that a C- isn't considered a passing grade by UC colleges, but students can't repeat a course for which they've received a C-. Comments: Student opinions have been heard, but this falls under the purview of faculty. Isn't not including a C- in the proposed policy incongruous and misleading when transcripts are evaluated? Having the + and - designations for *most* of the grades is at least an improvement from the system we currently use. In general, the faculty at Cañada hasn't voiced an objection to the proposal. What's to prevent us from changing our policy and allowing students to repeat courses for which they've received a C-?

6. New Business:

6.1 Presidential Search Process: President Mohr is under an interim contract and we are required to have the position filled permanently. The process is slated to be completed by the end of this semester. February 14th is the first meeting date. The search period should last approximately six weeks, ending during Spring Break. Should the Student Services position on the committee be opened to those non-tenured personnel who have, nonetheless, worked here for several years and have taken part extensively in college activities? They would be paid their special rate for the time they serve on the committee. It is critical to inform everyone that the time commitment will be extreme. Should other long-term, non-tenured personnel from other divisions also be included? Conclusion: Division will make their choices which will ultimately be approved or disapproved by ASGC.

6.2 Ethics Statement/Senate Handbook: HANDBOOK: Should we create our own Senate Handbook? Patty suggested using one she created as a template for ours. Conclusion: Martin and David will take on the task of reviewing Patty's document and proposing changes to the Governing Council at our next meeting. **ETHICS STATEMENT:** Bring the Ethical Conduct section of Patty's document to our respective divisions for discussion. The proposal is to include an ethics statement of some sort in the handbook.

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6.3 Professional Development Coordination: A proposal has been made to create a Professional Development Coordinator position. It was suggested that, in lieu of creating a new position, we could have our current Professional Personnel Chair take on the responsibilities outlined in the proposal. Lezlee moved to accept the 3 units for the duties described in the prospectus and allot them to our current Professional Personnel Chair, Denise Erickson. Motion passed. Potential revisions are to be presented by all at our next meeting for approval.

6.4 Five Minute Proposal by District Administrators: It was observed that anything that falls outside the language of the contract should be a *negotiated* change, not matter how small the actual change is. The current proposal is to add the five minutes to the longer T/Th courses and net even more revenue from the change. Martin moved that ASGC, seeing no pedagogical disadvantages to the proposed five minute increase, encourage AFT to resolve issues about language in the proposal that violates contract language. Paul seconded. Monica moved to have the District Academic Senate move forward on researching, deliberating upon and implementing *this semester* alternative calendars, including 15 week scheduling and block scheduling. David seconded. Motion passed.

6.6 College Council Bylaws Revision: All proposals have been issued. It was observed that there is no mention anywhere of the relationship between College Council and ASGC. Monica noted that it is described in the existing document. It was also suggested that meeting times could be reduced to once per month with an emergency meeting provision. College Council reps will be asked to participate in the discussion on this topic that will take place at a future ASGC meeting.

7. Committee Reports:

7.1 Finance: Lezlee drafted a thank you letter to send those who are already signed up to pay Senate dues, and a list of Faculty to contact who are not currently paying Senate dues. These will be presented at the next meeting.

7.2 Curriculum: This semester's main topic is the dialogue among the three colleges regarding Degree Audit recommendations, including graduation requirements, common course numbering, enforcing prerequisites.

7.3 Planning and Budget: 1st meeting next Wednesday. Prioritization of Faculty and Staff Hiring List will be discussed.

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7.5 AFT: AFT wants more participation from/connection with Faculty. Part-Time compensation for office hours has not yet been made. AFT is pursuing the matter. Grievance issues revolve primarily around part-time seniority and class assignments.

7.6 FACCC: Patty will ask Pamela to find a replacement if she cannot participate regularly.

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7.7 Professional Personnel: New application and information sheets are more user-friendly. Some money left for short-term proposals. Two proposals for program improvement were accepted.

8. Matters of Council Interest: Welcome back, everyone! Lezlee wanted everyone to know that she was not late because she had been hanging out, but because she had had a class until 1:45. David confessed he was late because he had been hanging out. Absolutions were bestowed for all varieties of tardiness.

9. Motion to Adjourn: 3:40 p.m.

10. Upcoming Meetings: February 8, 22, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10.

To request that an item be added to the agenda, please contact one of the governing council members no later than one week prior to the next meeting (see above for the dates of upcoming meetings).

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