

**Shasta College
Academic Senate
Minutes
December 11, 2000
Room 1108 3:05 PM**

Members Present:

Nick Rogers
Estella Cox
Sandy Johnson
Carolyn Borg
Laura Valvatne
Dave Bush
Sue Loring
Lew Schmitt
Cathy Anderson
Randy Reed
Sue Hess
Warren Lytle
Sharon Yox
Frank Nigro
Dan Scollon
Richard Saunders
John Cicero
Chuck Spotts

Guests Present:

Joe Adams
Terry Turner
Vicky Kimbrough
Steve Mahoney
Ron Johnson

1. Call To Order
--Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

--Minutes for November 27 approved (Sandy Johnson made the motion, Richard Saunders seconded it)

--Nick Rogers: Nick noted the progress on the Alternate Calendar committee; we are now in the middle of determining the criteria by which a calendar will be judged.

--Frank Nigro: Frank passed out the meeting notes for the latest Alternate Calendar committee meeting.

3. Guests-

a. Vicky Kimbrough reported on the Dental Hygiene Program, which began Oct. 1999. The first accreditation report listed only four changes, and the program was accredited this January. They now have two classes, one with 12 students and one with 13 (it was designed for 12 students), and they are now on a regular schedule. The first class will graduate this May, with their exams coming in March and July. They continue to work out any bugs in the program, but generally it's been a smooth process. The patient flow has picked up since they first started accepting patients last summer. They see Shasta College students, faculty, and staff for free and are already booked until February. Vicky also spoke about the criteria for accepting program candidates, and questions were raised about the prerequisites needed for this program. The next accreditation review is in March.

4. Action Items

a. Hiring Priorities

--Discussion arose over the process of approaching the Senate about hiring priorities. In the past, it was said, the deans and faculty listed their perceived hiring needs. This time, however, it appeared to many present

that the deans were not even consulted about hiring priorities, so the list forwarded to the Senate by the Strategic Planning Council was confusing. The manner in which the Strategic Planning Council proposed the hiring priorities, without input from faculty, suggests that it is not operating as a shared governance committee. Dave Bush made this motion: "If this [the items on the 12/11 agenda] is a list of hiring priorities, the Senate does not support it at this time. Furthermore, the Senate recommends that the Deans meet to review priorities developed by the Center to establish school priorities. These priorities with justifications should be sent to the Senate for review as has been the past procedures." Cathy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. Red Bluff Center

--Questions were raised about the basis for the hires requested for Red Bluff and the financial implications of the decisions being made. Some suggested we first fill full-time positions on campus where we currently have programs without full-timers, such as the Legal Assistant program. Nick reminded us that part of the issue was whether we are losing students in areas like Red Bluff because we don't have faculty there.

c. Office spaces

--This issue will be taken up when the issues above are resolved.

d. Environmental Action Committee proposal for a Pollution Prevention Coordinator.

--Dan Scollon noted that the EAC is now looking for Senate approval of the committee's recommendation regarding hiring a new Pollution Prevention Coordinator. He discussed the job description, the pay ranges considered, and other aspects of the position. Dan made a motion that "The Senate supports the recommendation to hire some sort of a Pollution Prevention position, as described by the EAC." Dave Bush seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Goals

--Nick noted he's working with Matriculation on some common goals. This will be a future discussion item.

g. Associate In Science Proposal

--Carolyn Borg discussed the Science, Industry, and Natural Resources' proposal to the General Ed Committee for an Associate in Science degree, (handout distributed at last Senate meeting). Shasta College is one of 10 colleges not having the A.S. She reviewed the background of her proposal and how it came to be. The degree would prepare students for immediate employment but could include transfer programs in math, engineering, and sciences. The AA degree would be limited to liberal arts majors which prepare students to transfer. She presented the reasons in favor of such a degree. Carolyn moved that we approve the offering the Associate of Science degree." Richard Saunders seconded the motion. the motion was passed unanimously with this amendment: "The A.S. degree is intended for the student who plans to enter the workforce after completion of the two-year degree or for transfer majors in math, engineering, or sciences."

4. Other

--None other.

4. Adjournment-Next meeting-January 22, 3:05 PM- Board Room