

Shasta College
Academic Senate - Open Meeting
Minutes
October 9, 2000
3:00 PM, Room 804

Attendance: Approximately 75 faculty, staff, students, and administrators showed for this open meeting.

1. Call To Order

2. Setting of Rules of Discussion

--Nick Rogers asked that we follow the rules of decorum and keep to the issues at hand. He gave a brief history of how the alternate/compressed calendar plan was arrived at.

3. Discussion Item

1. Alternate or Compressed Calendar

--Jeff Cooper opened up discussion by providing an overview of the alternate/compressed calendar he has proposed. This calendar would involve a fall and spring calendar of 16 weeks, a winter intercession of 4-5 weeks, and up to three overlapping summer sessions over a 10-12-week period. The primary advantage of such a calendar, he argued, would be to provide students with options. A discussion ensued in which various concerns were expressed. Many faculty were concerned about the nuts and bolts of such an arrangement, questioning whether it was at all possible. Some were worried about possible compromises to the quality of instruction. There was a general consensus that we were being asked to make this monumental decision in too short of a time and with too little data. Jeff agreed to ask the deans to provide a sample calendar of the Fall 2001 semester so that the faculty could make a more informed decision.

4. Adjournment: Next meeting October 23, Board Room