

**Shasta College
Academic Senate
Minutes
September 11, 2000
Board Room 3:10 PM**

Members Present:

Jeff Cooper
Nick Rogers
Frank Nigro
Sandy Johnson
Sue Hess
Philip Roche
Estella Cox
Dave Bush
Cathie Anderson
Laura Valvatne
Ron Marley

Guests Present:

Mark Bongay
Joan Adams
Ted Lord
Sharon Lowry
Ron Johnson
Joseph Adams
Cassandra Ryan
Richard Saunders

1. Call to Order

--Approval of Aug. 28 minutes. Minutes approved.

2. Reports

--Nick Rogers: Nick presented the notes from the committee which reviewed by-laws changes and from the task force which reviewed faculty participation in district governance. Last Friday, he represented us at Chabot College at a meeting on budgeting issues for community colleges. The faculty handbooks for

the Academic Senate will be available at the next meeting. Finally, Nick also has a handbook on alternative calendars for community colleges.

--Jeff Cooper: Jeff reported on the Aviation Program. The Board requested he do some work on its viability, its FTEs, etc. He has started on some preliminary research, but he will come to the Senate with his recommendations before anything is presented to the Board. His research up to this point has led him to believe that the program should be cancelled or suspended after the current students finish up their programs. This semester, Jeff did direct Sharon Lowry to cancel the first year classes, which had only 3 students each. This was not a move to cancel the entire program, however. Some discussion about previous reviews of the program followed. Ted Lord noted that the last recommendation, apparently two years ago, recommended reinstatement of the program. Nick Rogers reminded us that since this is a curriculum issue, we must take a stand on it at some point. Ron Marley suggested we review the findings of the last review of this program before making our decision.

3. Guests: Douglas Treadway on the PFE budget

--Douglas Treadway handed out a breakdown on PFE allocations for 2000-2001 and covered the why and how of each item. Several priorities governed budgetary decisions. The first priority in approving PFE requests this year was to continue and expand requests for student employment. A second priority was proposals for innovations in teaching and instruction, such as the learning communities. A third priority was new hirings and academic programs. Continued funding is contingent upon actual results. Our actual needs as a college may be in conflict with PFE's basic goals of student retention and transfer. For example, we are preparing students for transfer better than almost anyone (we are #2 statewide in this), but we're in the bottom quartile for actual transfers. Still, the state is buying into the accountability through PFE. Our total PFE budget for this year is \$2,245,865. The Senate approved unanimously a motion to approve the budget. It also approved an amendment to the PFE budget proposed by Dave Bush that NPG double the individual allocation per individual for travel to and that they pool money by department so that it may be used by faculty at the end of the year who have exceeded the allocation.

4. Discussion Items

a. Alternative Calendar

--Not discussed due to time restraints.

b. Change of By-Laws

--Nick Rogers reported there is indeed a formula for changing the by-laws.

c. Probation Policy

-- Not discussed due to time restraints.

5. Action Items

a. PFE funds

--See Item 3 above.

b. AA/Certificate appeal process

--Not discussed due to time restraints.

c. Early registration for Fall semester

--Cassandra Ryan commented on the proposal on early registration for the Fall Semester and suggested that because of the conversion to Datatel currently going on, now is not the best time. The component of Datatel that deals with this issue will not be up and going for another two years. Also, if we did fall registration before summer registration, it might cause additional problems and confusion. A motion was passed unanimously that we keep the current registration procedure for the Fall 2001 semester.

6. Other

7. Adjournment

--Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, September 25