Shasta College Academic Senate Minutes May 13, 2002 Board Room - 3:10 PM

Members Present:

Sue Hess Sandy Johnson Jeff Cooper Cathe Ledford Dave Bush Sue Hess Estella Cox Jennifer McCandless Frank Nigro Vickie Kimbrough Carolyn Borg Shirley Hoffacker **Chuck Spotts** Sue Loring Robert Soffian Warren Lytle Raleigh Ross Richard Saunders Susan Meacham Laura Valvatne

Guests Present:

Gary Lewis

Rosie Gilbert-Ahrens

- 1. Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.
- 2. Approval Of Previous Minutes
 - 1. Approval of April 29 minutes: postponed till next meeting.

3. Reports

- a. Puente Project: Rosie Gilbert-Ahrens and Jeff Cooper gave information on this project, which is a transfer program that will be located initially in Red Bluff. It has three components: community learning, team teaching, and mentoring. The goal is to increase student retention and transfer rates. It targets "monitored" (under-served) students. The English 190 and 1A classes that are part of this will focus on Latino literature or subjects. The instructor and counselor working on this will receive training the U.C. Once the program has a successful launch, it will be brought to the main campus. The program is set to begin Fall 2002. *Puente* means "bridge" in Spanish.
- b. Grade Appeal Procedure: Chuck Spotts reviewed our involvement on this issue. The grade appeals procedure approved by the Senate on April 29 has gone to College Council, which is recommending a more in-depth procedure on grade appeals in cases of fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. Chuck expressed the opinion that the Senate's role in this process was probably finished, that we had done what we needed to do.

4. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Athletic Trainer: The Senate considered the vacant faculty position for Athletic Trainer in light of the Hiring Priorities Procedure for vacant positions. Gary Lewis presented a memo describing his reasons for wanting to reclassify this position from a classified position to a faculty position. The Board, because the item was not taken off the agenda, went ahead and approved this as a vacant faculty position. Gary asked for the Senate's views and blessing on this issue. Sue Loring moved that we support the reclassification of the position; Jennifer McCandless seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consideration of State Academic Senate Resolution (Attachment): Sue Loring moved that we support the state-led accreditation resolution; Richard Saunders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Hiring Policy (Attachment): The Senate reviewed the latest draft of the Hiring Policy from the *ad hoc* committee of administrators and faculty who have been working on revisions. We were asked to read the policy and to forward any comments/concerns to Cathy Anderson. The committee will meet several times over the summer to continue working on the policy.
- d. Tenure Committees: Because this item was added to the agenda late, the Senate will vote on the new tenure committees at our first meeting of

next semester. A list of all the committees was distributed for our perusal, and some updates were made to the list.

5. Other

- 1. Carolyn Borg spoke on revisions to the Credit by Examination policy (handout) and asked us to possibly take future action on it at the August meeting.
- 2. Sue Loring wanted to thank Cathy for everything she's done this year for the Senate.
- 6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:32. Next Meeting: Monday, August 26, 2002.