

Academic Senate

**Open Meeting**

Monday, November 8, 2004  
3:00-5:00

**Room 1108**

**Minutes**

**Members Present**

**Frank Nigro**

Warren Lytle  
Chuck Spotts  
Susan Meacham  
David Cooper  
Sue Loring  
Chuck Spotts  
Scott Gordon  
Vickie Kimbrough  
Toby Bodeen  
Kendall Crenshaw  
Terry Turner  
Ramon Tello

**Guests**

**Jane Harmon**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes 10/25/04 (1 Attachment): The approval of the 10/25 minutes will be postponed to the next meeting.

### 3. Reports

- a. Frank Nigro distributed a handout of a draft timeline for developing an online class that the Distance Ed Committee developed. He asked for the Senate's blessing to put together a committee to evaluate and refine this timeline so that it could be instituted as a policy. The Senate okayed Cathy asking members from administration, staff, and faculty to join a committee to consider this document.

- b. Frank gave a brief report on the State Senate Plenary session. He has a list of the resolutions actually voted on as well as how the vote came out on each issue. Among the more interesting resolutions was a vote of non-support for the U.S. Patriot Act. There was also a vote to explore the implications of alternative calendars. Frank reported that many of the schools he talked to had adopted the alternative calendar, including College of the Siskiyous, whose Senate just voted it in.

- c. Terry Turner asked if there was any news on the status of the reorganization. No one had anything to report on this.

- d. Program Assessment Committee: Vickie Kimbrough gave an update on the progress of this committee. The committee will finalize the last part of the document this week and bring it back to us for review. From there, we'll send it on to Instructional Council. All changes recommended by the Senate meeting were incorporated. Hopefully our approval of the revised document will go smoothly. Once it's acceptable, it will be brought to Flex Day as a Flex Day presentation so people can be shown how it will work.

### 4. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Probation Policy (Attachment in earlier email): *Sue Loring will lead a discussion.*

Sue reminded the Senate that the Probation Policy issue came up at an earlier Senate meeting this year. Sue characterized the changes to the policy as being fairly minor, and mostly of a nature to make it accord with Title V policies. Changes to the policy are in red on the draft she sent to us. There were a few editing and minor content changes made. Kendall Crenshaw moved approval of the document, with the changes; Marsha Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Math and English Levels for the AA Degree (No Attachments): *Frank will lead a discussion. Voting on this was postponed (again!) until the spring plenary session. This gives us the chance to get input from all faculty and to formulate a position so Frank will know how to vote in the spring. The purpose of this discussion is to make a plan for getting input.*

Frank reported that at the Senate Plenary Session, the delegates voted to postpone because few had had the opportunity to really read the Senate-prepared paper on this issue (it was issued just three weeks before the plenary session) or to discuss it with their faculty. Frank believes the state Senate will likely finally vote on this in the spring, so we need to have a discussion about the issue. The English Department will consider it and will send its recommendation to the Senate, but the issue is obviously larger than just the English or Math faculty. Frank will re-send the document to the Senate. Senators are asked to read it and to discuss it with their centers. Frank will try to get Flex Day space to have a round table discussion about the issue.

c. Technology Replenishment (Tentative) (No Attachment): *Frank Nigro might be ready to discuss this again.*

Frank will be ready to present on this at our next meeting.

## 5. Other

a. Vickie Kimbrough raised the issue of the downtown Health Sciences Center. At the October Board meeting, Mary Retterer announced that there's not enough money to fund the entire bond projects because of rising construction and land costs. So, she would like to take the funds intended for the University Center and combine them with those for the Health Sciences Center to build one building located downtown. The whole project is being downgraded aesthetically. Vickie is encouraging her students to voice their opinions about this to the administration. There were concerns about the decision making process and whether we should have a resolution about the breakdown in the shared governance process. We'll try to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: 3:00 pm, November 22, 2004 in Room 1108.