

**Meeting Notes: Board of Trustees Meeting****February 11, 2009****Important Definitions (as applicable to this document):**

**Classified Employee:** These are employees of the college that work in non-academic and/or non-management positions. Jamie and Sherry are examples of classified employees.

**Classified School Employees' Association:** This is the Union that represents the classified employees of Shasta College. Sherry Nicholas is the current President here at Shasta College.

**Faculty Association:** This organization represents the interests of the faculty of Shasta College, including wages, benefits, and working conditions. This is the Shasta College arm of the CTA/NEA (California Teachers Association/National Educators Association), and union that represents educators. Ken Nolte is the current President here at Shasta College.

**Academic Senate:** This faculty organization deals with policy and procedures, everything that directly deals with the classroom and instruction, and is a part of the shared governance process of Shasta College. Catherine Anderson is the current President.

**Outline of Meeting Goals:**

**Purpose:** The meeting seemed centered around "housekeeping" tasks that needed tending to in preparation for the much more important budget meeting next month. Some important notes include:

- Construction: There were several reports given by Joe Wyse (VP of Administrative Services) about the various construction/remodeling projects here on campus, primarily the new Library Annex. The administration is looking into some new loans and budget changes to get this project finished in a timely fashion. In addition, several current remodeling projects will be postponed for the time being to get the Annex done.
- Contracts for several instructors were renewed (those undergoing tenure review).
- Financials were presented and reviewed by the board.

**Issues:** While there were several issues raised by various representatives there was a common thread in all of them:

- Communication: This seemed to be a major issue with both the Faculty Associations and the Academic Senate. It seems that there has been an interruption in the lines of communication between the Board/Administration and the instructors and classified employees. This interruption has led to a large amount of rumor-mongering, feelings of frustration, and feelings of helplessness.

**Other Issues:** Many representatives spoke on behalf of various programs and presented some interesting points-of-view:

- Travis (President of the Ag/Nat Resources Leadership Club) spoke about saving the Farm and the Ag/Nat Resources programs; a petition with over 1700 signatures was presented to the Board
- Bonnie Wilson-Schmitt (former SCSS President) spoke on behalf of the Adaptive Physical Education Programs
- Several others spoke on behalf of other vocational programs, including the Automotive program
- A community person (I failed to catch his name) brought up various ways that the school could save money. In the end his talk seemed geared more towards solicitation for his computer company than anything else, and his suggestions seemed vague at best and out-right ridiculous.

**Summery:**

The meeting of the Board went very well and was pretty straight forward. It seemed that the majority of the meeting was a housekeeping session in preparation for the budget meeting next month. Many students and teachers presented their views on the cutting of vocational programs. Information was presented on the construction schedules and budgets.

My report on behalf of the Senate included a briefing on the RABA project, the Veterans Memorial Garden and the mascot update, and the One Dollar Rep Fee. I informed the Board about our intentions to attend the March in March rally in Sacramento, Huck Finn Day, and our possible Earth Day Project with the Sustainability Club. I also informed the Board that the Senate supports The Ag/Nat Resources Leadership Clubs efforts to keep the Farm and their program open, and implied that we were likely to support keeping any program open that the students of Shasta College found important enough to raise an issue about as well.

All-in-all a productive meeting; the Board was open and very receptive to our concerns and made it clear that they would be interested in hearing about our progress as the term continues.