

IVC Academic Senate

Approved Minutes

April 18, 2007

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by President Carnes.

II. Roll Call and Announcements

Present: Dennis Carnes, Suzanne Gretz, Cesar Guzman, Carol Lee, Mary Lofgren, Bobbie McClain, Armando Mendez, Barbara Nilson, Norma Nunez, Steve Pacheco, Thomas Paine, Lianna Zhao, Sherry Zobell, Frank Fernandez, Gary Rodgers

Excused: James Patterson, Bruce Seivertson, Mariaelena Thibodeaux

Absent: Olga Artech, Dave Drury, Victor Zazueta, David Zielinski

Visitors: John Abarca, Dick Fragale, Sergio Lopez, Paul Pai, Mary Jo Wainwright

III. Visitor Comments

F. Fernandez – gave an announcement about student awards and the nominations are due this Friday, April 20th.

B. McClain – 1. She gave a handout addressing tough topics when talking to students. 2. There is a problem with the community garden. There was not water during spring break and someone drove through the garden. There is a need to inform the campus community concerning power outages before they happen, if possible.

IV. Information/Correspondence

1. President's Comments –

China trip - during the last meeting there was a lively discussion about the trip to China. Carnes feels he was misunderstood; we are an open school, not a Hispanic school. That term should not be exclusionary, we serve Hispanic students, but we also serve many others. Do we need to go so far (China) to find a sister school? Some people have been critical about spending this amount of money.

Nilson – we were invited.

Nunez – are we seeking to invite exchange students to our school and sending ours to theirs?

Dr. Pai – We are part of a group, Silicon Border Task Force, where sister institutions provide us with models on international business. Others from the Imperial County will be going on this trip. This will help prepare our students and faculty for future study abroad.

Wainwright – would like to see a report to the campus community on the results from this endeavor.

Virginia Tech tragedy - Carnes – was contacted by members of the faculty with interest in talking about the tragedy at Virginia Tech. He would like to see this on the next agenda.

Lofgren – discussed things that can be done in a crisis. This will be a topic at the Campus Operations meeting.

Fragale – ordered 3 bullhorns with sirens as an emergency band-aid.

Gretz – please post pre-school fire drill.

Lopez – we need to have one drill a year to orient staff and students as to where to go during an emergency.

McClain – please consider the off-campus sites also.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes of April 4, 2007 were deferred until next meeting.

VI. **Academic and Professional Matters**

1. Proposal for SLO standing committee and coordinator
Postponed to next meeting to give senators more time to fill out their worksheet which is to be delivered to Carnes by Friday, April 27th.
2. Announcement of Applications for Rafael Santos Award
Seeking nominations for outstanding teaching or non-teaching faculty. Please sign your name on the nomination and give your reasons as to why this person is being nominated. May 16 is the deadline. Academic Senate Executive committee will be the evaluators.

VII. **Discussion**

1. Academic Senate Scholarship Fund Raiser – Lofgren - May 1, Wine Tasting and silent auction. \$20 a ticket. Please sell them to your division members. Scholarship forms need to be given to students. The deadline for the applications is May 28th. Items for the silent auction are to be delivered to Mary Lofgren
2. STRS retirement payment calculations – Fragale – supposed to be resolved but doesn't have anything in writing.
3. Notice of Employment (faculty) – Gregory – This item was not appropriate for AS
4. Reprographic control codes – Zobell – What can be done to control the blatant misuse of the codes? J. Abarca discussed some ideas and others were presented by senate members.
5. Treasurer's report, if and how often? – Zobell – A treasurer's report use to be given to the senate members. It was felt that the practice needs to be resumed and should be a regular part of the agenda.

VIII. **Committees**

1. Budget and Planning – meeting coming up
2. C and I – nothing since last meeting
3. College Council – Heumann – no report

4. Equivalency –Kalin – from April 4, 2007
 Approved: three - non-credit ESL approved, three – Matriculation
 Counselor, one - Fire Science
 Denied: one – non-credit ESL, three – English composition, three –
 Matriculation Counselor, three - Reading
 Two applications needed further review by the division chairs
5. Policies and Procedures Review – M. Wainwright will resume her seat on
 this committee
6. Administrative Council – no report

AS Meeting Dates

May 2, 2007

May 16, 2007

May 30, 2007

Agenda Closure

April 27, 2007

May 11, 2007

May 25, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.