

# Academic Senate Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 09, 2011 -- 4:00-6:00 p.m. in **FH 211 (Special Meeting)**

STANDING MEMBERS						Guests
POSITION	NAME	PRESENT	POSITION	NAME	PRESENT	
<b>ASC Pres</b>	Riley Dwyer	X	EATM	Cindy Wilson	X	Welcome! Please sign in.
<b>ASC V.P.</b>	Nenagh Brown	X	Health Education/Kinesiology	Jeff Kreil	X	Mary Rees: Curriculum Chair
<b>ASC Secretary</b>	Lisa Putnam	X	Health Sciences	Dalila Sankaran	X	Cynthia Barnett
<b>ASC Treasurer</b>	Kathryn Adams	X	History/Institutions	Rex Edwards	X	Assoc. Students
ACCESS	Melanie Masters	X	Library	Mary LaBarge	X	-- JD Zelman
Athletics	Howard Davis	X	Life Sciences	Jazmir Hernandez	X	-- JT Mendoza
Behavioral Sciences	Linda McDill		Mathematics	Phil Abramoff	X	-- Krysten Jones
Business	Stephanie Branca	X	Music/ Dance	James Song Nathan Bowen	JS	-- Hannah Coyle
Chemistry/ Earth Sciences	Deanna Franke	X	Physics/ Astronomy	Clint Harper	X	-- Moe Moe Chae
Child Development	Kristi Almeida		Student Health Center	Sharon Manakas	X	-- Elijah Colye
Counseling	Chuck Brinkman Alt. Corey Wendt	C.Wendt	Theater Arts/ Communications	John Loprieno	X	-- Arshia Malekzadeh
Computer Info Systems	Mary Mills	X	Visual & Applied Arts	Cynthia Minet	X	-- Andrew Blackwelder
Computer Sci/ CNSE	Christine Aguilera	X	World Languages	Raquel Olivera		
Digital Media Arts	Svetlana Kasalovic Alt. Joanna Miller	JM				
English/ ESL	Sydney Sims	X	<i>Student Liaison</i>	Jonathan Foote	X	

## Quick Recap:

Topic	Discussion/Comments	Action
Program Discontinuance	Recommendation Vote for Programs	Voted by written ballot.

## 4:00 pm—Call to Order

### I. Public Comments :

JD Zellman, student: As a student, I see how hard these cuts are. I fear the absolute worse for any student. I understand that cuts need to be made, and that they need to be made where they will hurt the students least. Concern rose over the proposed cut of Sign Language, moving the courses over to Oxnard.

JT, student: Arts and Sports. Noted that he struggled in high school, and that it was through Art and Athletics that he remained in school – these programs elevated him to the student he now is.

Interior Design, instructor: An email was sent to Acad. Senate that addresses the proposed cut to Int Design and how it will affect the students. Quote from President of CAPA Association. They support the need for Interior Designers and would like us to reconsider cutting Int. Design. There were a few incorrect data provided in the EVP Report. Lack of student demand – they continually fill their courses. Draw from the community rather than seeking the degree pattern – not true. The majority of students that come into the program do complete a certificate and or degree. Over 111 available jobs in LA as shown in a search of one Web site. We are reinventing ourselves, as we all must do, to stay current in meeting the needs of the students.

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**II. Approval of Minutes:** Tabled till November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**III. FSA (Faculty Service Areas) Process**

FSAs – some negotiating going on right now between the Union and HR, and Union and the Senate, and the Senate and HR. They are trying to determine if there is a process in place – HR says that there is one that has been in place over 20 years. There is one word under discussion: “Determine” or “Recommend” is being debated. FSAs are in limbo. IF someone is NOW requesting an FSA, that process is in limbo at the moment. Remember that you have Union Reps, and that process is grievable if it is not handled in two weeks. People that already have FSAs established ARE still in place. FSAs and priority lists are there and available. It took the Union awhile to get them from HR but they are now available. You must call HR specifically to confirm your FSAs.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**a. Program Discontinuance (AP 4021)**

The ultimate outcome for today is to agree or disagree with the EVP’s recommendation. As a body, we unanimously agreed on this Program Discontinuance process. And we unanimously agreed to allow the RG to start on Step 2 of the process (minus the one abstention from the Chair of the RG, the ASC VP). If we disagree with the EVP’s recommendation, our job is to give a justification for our disagreement. It is the ASC President’s job to pull the information together to forward to the MC President. We don’t need to make a decision today, but remember that November 16<sup>th</sup> is our deadline (and the Senate Body should/needs to approve what Riley writes). We need to have open thorough discussion.

A question was raised regarding the “next steps” -- If we disagree with all the program cuts, and we provide our justification to the administration—then what?

Answer: The recommendation goes to the President, with the docs that we have seen. She takes our recommendation into consideration and then she makes her decision. It behooves us to make very strong, well supported recommendations. But technically, this is advisory.

For today, we will spend about 20 minutes per document.

**Motion:** Can we focus our discussion primarily on the EVP recommendation and report with supporting documentation, rather than the RG’s. Step IV clearly states that we will discuss the EVPs report. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the Interior Design Program recommendation took place.

Discussion regarding the Criminal Justice Program recommendation took place.

Voting on these programs took place via written ballot.

**I. Committee Reports:** NONE

**II. Officer Reports**

**III. Announcements**

None