SADDLEBACK COLLEGE – ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES

July 15, 2009
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
AGB Conference Room – AGB 107

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

2. INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS

None.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Miki Mikolajczak moved, it was seconded by Norman Weston, and was approved that the agenda be adopted.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Norman Weston moved, it was seconded by Miki Mikolajczak and affirmed that the minutes from June 10, 2009 be approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miki Mikolajczak discussed the upcoming Early Bird Parent Orientation on July 16th.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Board Meetings/ District/ Chancellor

President’s report was distributed with discussions regarding:

- Cell phone use in the classroom.
- Proposed Board Policy regarding accreditation & role of Chancellor. Further discussion is needed.
- Saddleback College still needs a curriculum chair. There is the potential that no curriculum will be processed/approved if there is not a chair chosen and trained soon.
- Senate will be seeking to provide input on potential uses of year-end balances.
- Concerns were expressed over potential Brown Act violations by Dean’s Cabinet meetings.

7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS
8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Faculty to Sit on Committees

Norman Weston moved, it was seconded by Carmen Dominguez and passed by voice vote that the list of faculty to sit on Committees be approved.

B. Department Chair Survey

Update only – survey is near its final version.

C. Basic Skills Initiative

Cheryl Altman discussed the dyer and unpredictable situation facing BSI because of budget conditions. Given the proposed budget there will be severe cutbacks in services available.

Carmen Dominguez moved, and it was seconded by Norman Weston to support the mission of the College and ensure that students are successful in their endeavors at Saddleback College, the Academic Senate requests that the Basic Skills Initiative: 1. Come back to the Senate; 2. Give a report on how much money is needed; and 3. Consider requesting funding from the College.

D. Curriculum (Catalog Rights)

Item pulled.

E. Commencement

An extended discussion was held related to the faculty participation in commencement, the setup of the proceedings in the gym, the music and invocation. This discussion will be continued at the next senate executive session along with “Gaucho Week”

F. Accreditation

Postponed until next meeting.

G. Faculty Development Maximums for 2009-2010

Carmen Dominguez moved, it was seconded by Norman Weston and passed by voice vote that the Faculty Development funding maximums for 2009-2010 academic year are: $1,100 Full-Time Faculty, $600.00 Associate Faculty, and $100 bonus stipend only applies when extra funding is required and if faculty member is a presenter, conference organizer, or board member and can provide documentation.

9. NEW BUSINESS
A. New Faculty Orientation/ New Faculty Reception
The New Faculty Orientation will take place on Thursday, August 20th from 9:00 am to noon. The New Faculty Reception will take place on Wednesday, August 19th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.

B. Welcome Fest 2009/Gaucho Week
Concerns were raised over Gaucho week being help during the first week of classes and potential disruptions. Discussions will continue at senate exec with representatives from Student Services.

Carmen Dominguez moved, it was seconded by Miki Mikolajczak that the faculty reject and do not support the proposed Gaucho Week events because it conflicts with the first week of instruction. The item was tabled by Miki Mikolajczak and no vote was taken.

C. Leadership Institute
Postponed until next meeting.

D. Curriculum Institute
Postponed until next meeting.

E. Academic Senate Goals
Postponed until next meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Executive
No report.

B. Senate Standing Committee
No report.

C. College, Division & District Committee
No report.

11. DIVISION REPORTS
No report.

12. CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS
A. Faculty Association
No report.

B. Student Government
No report.
C. Classified Staff
   No report.

13. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED WITH AGENDA
Agenda Item 4.A.1 Minutes from June 11, 2009
Agenda Item 6.A.1 Memo to the Senate for July 15, 2009
Agenda Item 8.A.1 Approval of Faculty to Sit on the Following Committees
Agenda Item 8.C.1 BSI Update: Senate Meeting, July 15, 2009
Agenda Item 8.D.1 Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment
Agenda Item 8.E.1 Information regarding Commencement
Agenda Item 8.F.1 Accreditation 2010 Steering Committee June 23, 2009 Meeting Notes
Agenda Item 8.G.1 Faculty Development Funding Statistics for 2008-2009
Agenda Item 9.B.1 Gaucho Welcome Week Schedule of Events