

**Academic Senate**  
**September 11, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Sean Anderson, Dave Ashley, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, AJ Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Marilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Karen Carey, Minder Chen, Stephen Clark, Matt Cook, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Nancy Deans, Colleen Delaney, Dennis Downey, Therese Eyer mann, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Phil Hampton, Elizabeth Hartung, Debi Hoffmann, Pauline Hunter, Dax Jacobson, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Kimmy Kee-Rose, Liz King, Gary Kinsey, Jill Leafstedt, Daniel Lee, Kathryn Leonard, Jim Meriwether, Brad Monsma, Dawn Neuman, Alison Perchuk, Monica Pereira, Jenn Perry, Janet Pinkley, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Peter Smith, Stephen Stratton, Cindy Wyels.

**Approval of the Agenda**

-2:35 p.m.

-D. Hoffmann made a motion to modify the Agenda to add a report from the Search Coordinating Committee, motion was seconded.

-Agenda approved as amended.

**Approval of the Minutes of May 8, 2012 and May 15, 2012**

-Minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, approved.

-Minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, approved.

-m/s, C. Burriss, M. Francois.

**Report from President Rush**

-The President discussed the Governor's tax increase scheduled to be on the November ballot. It is not clear if we will be advantaged by its passing but it is clear that we will be disadvantaged if it does not pass.

-Bill Lockyear is an active candidate for the Chancellor position.

-There is a movement across the campuses to remove Upper Division GE's in order to bring the high unit degree totals down to an approximate total 120 units. President Rush is not in favor of this new movement and has asked for an exception to the rule.

-President Rush invited everyone to attend the Madera Hall dedication on Friday. The West Hall project has been delayed approximately six months, there is a hold up with the bonds being sold.

**Report from the Provost**

-Provost Neuman reported that the Provosts from other campuses had been discussing the Upper Division GE removal as well.

-She plans to continue working with the Fiscal Affairs committee to make future budget decisions.

### **Report from the Senate Chair**

-Chair Meriwether welcomed the new faculty senators individually.

-We are in need of a new Parliamentarian, please contact him if you are interested in serving in this position.

-Please keep an eye out for two emails requesting faculty volunteers and a survey on changing the Senate meeting time.

### **Report from Statewide Senators**

-S. Aloisio reported that we need one additional Senator, please consider volunteering for the position.

### **Report from CFA President**

-N. Deans reported that the contract had been ratified by the CFA members, 91% of those that voted, voted in favor of ratifying the contract. There are not many changes to the contract but it does include re-openers. In October, there will be a mixer after the next Senate meeting in order to discuss some of the changes.

-CFA recommends a vote of YES on the Prop 30 initiative, please educate your students about the proposition and if you would like one of them to visit your classroom to talk about the proposition, please contact them.

### **Search Coordinating Committee**

-V. Adams reported they are looking to revise/modify the Interdisciplinary sessions, if you have any recommendations please contact him.

### **Intent to Raise Questions**

-A. J. Bieszczad asked the following:

*Are there any plans to force redirection of traffic from Camarillo Drive to new University Drive. In spite of the new road being much better prepared for traffic intensity, especially during rush hours, most of the university traffic still goes through the old entry road endangering walkers and bikers on still too narrow shoulders. Cars taking the new University drive, and then Santa Barbara Avenue, currently the main entrance route, often have problems with turning into Camarillo Drive. They need to wait at the stop sign till a break in the incoming traffic on Camarillo Drive that does not face a stop sign.*

*My suggestions:*

*1) 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Camarillo Drive and Channel Island Drive (main entry to University Glen),*

*2) 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Camarillo Drive and Santa Barbara Avenue (main entry to the university),*

3) speed limit (25 mph) on the section of Camarillo Drive between Channel Island Drive and Santa Barbara Avenue (narrow shoulders),

4) modified south-bound left-turn lanes (into University Drive) on the new Lewis Drive, so the narrowing to one lane just before the two-lane turn is eliminated.

-J. Meriwether asked: Last spring, Stamats Higher Education Marketing consultants were flown in from Iowa to help with a "web refresh" project. Stamats seeks to "help colleges and universities turn their marketing goals into realities." Four months later, the reality seems to be that the website looks very much the same. How much money is the university spending for these consultants, and what have been the outcomes?

-K. Leonard asked if there was a way to streamline the signature approval process so that it is less cumbersome and time consuming.

-J. Elliott inquired if there is anything that can be done to prevent students being dropped from classes due to financial aid issues?

-I. Gzregorczyk would like to know what happened with the announcement that OPC is not processing chargebacks when they provide service for the various departments on campus?

-C. Burriss would like to know if there are any plans to add additional bike racks to areas where the racks are overflowing. Can a map be created that shows where all the bike rack locations are on campus? C. Wyels added a request to add bike racks around all entrances on campus.

-S. Stratton would like an update from OPC on construction for new student housing.

-L. King would like to know if there are any plans for additional bathrooms in Madera Hall.

-F. Barajas would like to know if there are any plans for public water fountains in Madera Hall.

-A. Perchuk requested the water fountains be large enough to fill water bottles.

-S. Anderson asked if a new loading/unloading zone would be created to replace the one that was removed near the Bell Tower.

### **Kirsten Moss-Frye, Family Weekend and Faculty**

-She invited everyone to attend Family Weekend. If anyone is teaching a Friday class and would not mind having parents sit in on the class, please contact her. Lunch on Saturday is titled "Mix & mingle with faculty" please come and say hello to the parents.

### **Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus**

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez reminded everyone that International Education week was coming up, please include international perspectives in your courses or invite CIA to attend and they can introduce the topic to your classes.

-If you are interested in serving as a Resident Director in Italy, France, China or Spain for a year, please see him, the deadline to apply is December.

-He reminded everyone that we have a large number of exchange students this year, some have difficulties with the English language, please see him if this becomes an issue.

-J. Elliott reported that the Philosophy Development team is going forward, if you have a course that would work with this degree, please contact him.

-T. Ballman reported on the Student Success Partnership and their upcoming events.

-There was discussion about using *CI Community* for all announcements.

-M. Francois reported that ISLAS has grant funding available to hire ambassadors, application deadline is next Friday.

-V. Adams announced they are now accepting SCURR submissions.

-J. Leafsteadt invited everyone to join the iPad user group meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 12-1p.m. in Madera Hall.

-M. Cook invited everyone to attend the *Campus Reading Celebration*, author Junot Diaz, will be here to discuss his book.

-J. Meriwether invited everyone to attend the opening of the Lincoln Exhibit in the library on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

-4:01 p.m.