

**THE COLLEGE SENATE OF PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**April 23, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm on Friday, April 23, 2004.

**Senators present:**

Kit Decker	Pat O'Rourke	Kathy Hudson
Tom Hyder	Michael Maldony	Tracy Cersley
Linda Hitt	Lee Fargo	Brian Flick
John Hancock	Jane Kingston	Martha McKenna
David Moyer	Ben Sloan	Grace Miller
Lewis Lee		

**Senators absent:**

David Lerman	Audaz Molina	J.W. Albright
Patricia Franklin	Marie Melton	Angel Sims
Ann Smith		

Lewis Lee moved to **accept the March minutes**. Ben Sloan seconded. Motion passed.

**Student elections** were held but we have not yet received the official results from Steve McNerney.

Dick Harrington could not be present today to receive recognition from the Senate but several alternative certificates were available for review. Senators were to initial their preferred format before leaving.

**Standing Committee presentations** - Representatives from the standing committees presented a summary of their activities during the year.

Tara Atkins-Brady reported for the **Planning and Budgeting Committee** that the process for considering strategic initiatives had been completed and sent to the President. It will be time for a new strategic plan in spring of 2005. The Senate could assist the committee by contributing to the SWOT analysis. The new plan will try to get feedback from local business leaders and the community. The current committee membership number is OK because a number of constituencies are represented.

Jim Jewett spoke for the **IT Committee** which forms policy and budget for IT usage at PVCC. They overhauled the strategic plan for '04 -'06 and Jim explained how that process was done. Items for the future include converting all or most rooms to electronic classrooms; getting a new email system; replacing the phone system; instituting a plan to update and maintain the electronic classrooms; providing wireless access; expanding the Learning Center; replacing and updating furniture in the library and computer labs.

Tracy Cersley reported for **Student Services**. They reviewed the student activity budget and made recommendations for next year. They recommended that a private company be allowed to come in and tape the graduation ceremony for future sale.

**Administrative Services** looked at the various components such as parking and the bookstore; they need students on that committee.

**Proposed amendment to the by-laws** – Brian Flick moved that **we accept the proposed amendment as written**. Lewis Lee seconded. The vote was: 7 ayes, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions so the motion passed. (Copy of amendment attached)

**Election of Executive Council** – Lewis Lee moved that **we postpone the Executive Council elections to the first meeting in the fall**. Brian Flick seconded. Motion passed.

**Academic Prize Day** – Kit Decker reported on an idea from the President for an Academic Prize Day that would be separate from graduation and on a smaller scale. Faculty could nominate students for prizes and perhaps a luncheon. The Senate decided we needed more information and added this item to the agenda for fall.

Lewis Lee moved to adjourn and John Hancock seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat O'Rourke  
Secretary