

MINUTES
College Senate Meeting
Friday, April 20, 2007

Attendees: Martha McKenna, Jan Reed, Rebecca Ward, Jozen Phemister, Danny Woody, Ben Sargeant, Martin Hohoff, Robin Koch, Ed Kingston, Linda Cahill, Jose Torres, Tracy Cersley, Mahmood Moghimzadeh, Kay Bethea, Lynn Seuffert, Erica Spangler, David Lerman

Tracy Cersley welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

The minutes from the March meeting were unanimously approved.

Senate Survey Results and Discussion

There was some agreement that the role of the Senate needs to be better defined, and even internally, some question of the flow of information and decisions between committees, the Senate, and administrators. The newly formed SGA members present agreed that, while the structure can be confusing, they like the existence of the Senate. Many of the comments reflected ideas expressed in the Senate survey. For example, that on many other college campuses the Senate is actually a faculty Senate.

Tracy C. summarized the accomplishments of the Senate over the last year. It was agreed that a monthly email to the PVCC community about what the Senate is doing would be a good way to disperse information.

By-law update to reflect the Student Government Association

The College Senate by-laws were amended to include the SGA and the relevant provisos of its SGA by-laws.

Committee Reports

Administrative Services

ADA related changes are going to be made at the South entrance. The library renovation is slated to begin shortly. There have been some more changes to the plan for the new building because of another budgetary shortfall. At the moment, the bid is anticipated for fall with construction to begin the spring. LittleJohn's Deli is soliciting suggestions for changes to their menu, and the vending contract is going to be coming up again for bid/renewal in the fall. Dr. Jackameit welcomes any comments.

C&I

No report.

Information Technology

There is a budget shortfall and they're looking at reorganizing priorities.

Personnel and Benefits

No report.

Planning and Budgeting

A web survey was begun on 4/13. All strategic initiative plans have been reviewed and the committee has submitted recommendations to President Friedman.

Student Services

Currently considering decoration of the Bolick student center.

New Officers for 2007-2008 (Chair/Secretary)

The election of officers was tabled until fall when the College Senate has the full membership including newly elected representatives.

Notes

Tracy Cersley was thanked for her two years of service as Senate Chair.

It was mentioned that students should have had more input into the design of the new logo. The first choice they had was voting to pick the colors.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lerman