I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS
The meeting was called to order at 11:15. Approval of Agenda. Motion to move Action Item C up to A, motion to move Item IV Information Action ahead of Action Items. M/S/U Winn/Robertson. Approval of minutes. M/S/U Winn/Sim.

II. SPECIAL REPORTS
A. The results of the SOC Elections: Received 92 ballots cast. 80% of the votes were for Renee Reyes as Vice-President, Sue Jensen and Evan Enowitz as Officers at Large. Congratulations.

B. Dave Lunsford presented the SPRUCE recommendation re: Faculty Offices. Any suggestions can go back to SPRUCE. Senate would like to see the following items amended re: Attachment A (5-5-97) #6 to say Each full-time faculty member shall have assigned the following “functional” office equipment and add the word “lockable” file cabinet. Amend item #8 to say each full-time faculty member shall have exclusive use of an assigned personal computer with access to e-mail and Internet. Amend agenda to make this Information Item so it can come back as Action Item. SPRUCE will meet on Monday 5-12-97 and make wording changes and bring back to Senate on 5-19-97.

III. INFORMATION
A. There are 2 nominees for the Budget and Planning Steering Committee which are Kats Gustafson and Craig Milgrim. Barry Winn is a nominee for Budget and Planning Full Committee. There are still 3 vacancies for faculty-at-large reps on the full committee. Nominees will come up for approval at our next meeting on 5-19-97.

IV. ACTION ITEMS
A. Resolution to approve Academic Rank of Assistant Professor- Craig Milgrim/Beth Smith, Rank of Professor-Jacqueline Couch/Don Shannon, Rank of Professor Emeritus-A. Lee Brown. M/S/U Sim/Winn

B. Resolution to accept the General Education Committee Package. Motion still on floor from last meeting to accept package. Joyce Sake amended the Motion to separate package into 3 parts.

1. Revise Categories
2. Infusion/Core Skills
Dave Wertlieb asked for clarification of zero-basing. (Zero-basis means none of the courses that are now presently in the package will be automatically accepted, everyone will resubmit their courses for GE credits. This offers the opportunity for the committee to reassess what courses now are going to be under certain categories and how they handle the infusion or core skills and how they integrate these skills into their courses). Joyce Sake withdrew the motion to divide the package and went back to the original motion to accept the entire package. M/S/U Sake/Winn Discussion: Some concerns regarding the package is that our A.A./A.S. students would have less knowledge than State or UCSD students in the Sciences. 80% probably will not transfer when leaving Grossmont. Infusion skills should be included in all courses. Why would students take a science course without a lab (Oceanography, Physical Science 110, Science 110, Meteorology etc.)? The package meets what is required by Title 5. Deletion of the American Institutions area is a big concern with some faculty; no Computer Literacy, Cross Cultural Studies, and Foreign Language courses is another concern. Do the courses in the new package have the infusion skills required by the State which have the student write clearly, think critically, speak and all the other skills? How would this new package affect enrollment?

GE Committee reported that out of 255 courses currently listed for GE, whether we go 24 units or 30, the student is required to take less than 10% of those choices. GE Committee has not changed the unit requirement: they have to take 60 units, so instead of taking 30 units beyond the GE requirements, we are asking them to choose 36 units. The reason for that is to recognize that 49 out of the 70 majors for the A.A. Degree required 30 units or more in their discipline. 36 majors required 30 units or more in their major alone in addition to the A.A. Degree areas. This is the non-transfers package. 6 majors required 40 to 49 units, 7 majors required 50-64 units. County-wide, in the science requirement with the exception of MiraCosta College, only one science course with one lab is required in their AA/AS package. GE Committee would like some recommendations for practical guidance (in writing) for the committee to come back with a meaningful acceptable package. The Committee has been concerned for what is best for the student. Hoke Simpson motioned that we postpone consideration of this package until Fall. M/S/30-27/2 abstentions. Simpson/Amov Passes to postpone until Fall.

All other items on Agenda of May 5, 1997 will be discussed at the May 19, 1997 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm.

Combined faculty meeting will be scheduled during Staff Development Week in August.
The first meeting of the Academic Senate for the 97-98 Academic Year is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 1997.

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