I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Public Comment
None

B. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made to approve the day’s agenda.
M/S/U Wirig/Montejano

C. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2007
A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2007 meeting.
M/S/U Mayne-Stafford/Wirig
II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Nursing Program Update
Chris welcomed Debbie Yaddow, Interim Associate Dean Health Services to give an update on the Nursing Department situation. Debbie reported on the following:

- Nursing is fully staffed.
- In September the NLAC Accreditation Team will visit.
- Faculty is working on Self-Study.
- Nursing faculty still dealing with issues of salaries variations.
- Site visit fall of 2008.
- Working on long term issues.
- The current grant runs through spring 2008.

The group had a brief question and answer session. Debbie was thanked for her time.

B. Call for Election Committee Volunteers
Chris reported the nominations for Part Time Faculty Representative Election closed on Monday, September 24. There are two candidates; Lee Johnson, Mathematics, and Alan Renga, History. Ballots will start being distributed tomorrow, Tuesday, October 2. An Election Committee is needed to assist with the counting of the ballots. Chris asked for any volunteers. The following faculty volunteered:

- Devon Atchison
- David Milroy
- Jane Nolan
- Michele Perchez

An email will be sent out to the committee with additional information.

C. Announcements
Chris reported on the following announcements:

- William Snead has volunteered to serve as the Senate Parliamentarian. Chris thanked William.
- ACCJC – Accreditation Committee is looking for volunteers to sit on Accreditation Visiting Teams. An email has been sent out with information. If interested, please respond to Chris by email.
- Basic Skills Initiative – a brochure was distributed for review. If interest in more information please visit the website at www.ccbsi.org
- State Academic Senate Plenary Fall 2007 Session is scheduled for November 1 – November 3.
- Teaching institutes will be coming up in February and March 2008.
- A Faculty Leadership Institute will be held June 12 – 14, 2008.
- A Curriculum Institute will be held July 10 – 12, 2008.

If interested in more information on any of the upcoming institutes visit the website at www.ASCCC.org Contract Chris if interested in attending.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Policy on Sexual & Other Assaults – Attachment #1
The group reviewed BP 3540 and AP 3540 Sexual and Other Assaults Occurring on District Property. The Senate will need to review and approve or not approve. The process was discussed with focus on AP 3540. Concern was expressed regarding no protection or additional information for the alleged/accused. The District does not currently have a policy for the alleged/accused. Zoe Close gave a brief description of the Union’s views. Other colleges and/or institutions have processes in place that can be reviewed. The group decided the policy would be brought back at a later date once more information has been collected.

B. Board Policy on Child Abuse – Attachments #2, #3, and Hand out
The group reviewed BP 3518 and AP 3518 Child Abuse Reporting and two additional hand outs on the information. The group discussed, in depth, the following information and concerns:

- Should faculty be mandated reporters
- Review of the visual chart on the process.
• Would the reporting only apply to students under 18 years of age in your classes
• No way to know if under 18 years of age.
• Union issues – Zoe reported a workshop had been held during last flex week regarding this information with a Union Attorney leading it. The attorney advised it is in the best interest of faculty not to become mandated reporters.
• The District view is no.
• Questions on how the law should be interpreted.
• What constitutes regular basis and what does it mean.
• Penal codes descriptions.
• District would have to provide training.
• Faculty are teachers and the college is a public school but does the law pertain to us or K-12.
• A task force at the state level is being developed to review.
• Is it or is it not unethical to not have the process/policy.
• What is the legislative history of the statute
• It was suggested the Academic Senate develop a resolution to clarify legislation.
• Are Universities dealing with the same questions
• All situations regarding the process/policy are different.
• The Union will schedule an additional meeting/workshop with an attorney to discuss the process/policy.
• Is there an in-house resource.

Chris requested the group please review the information on the distributions and the web links listed in the hand outs. Please discuss with faculty in your departments. It is hoped the Senate will be able to make a recommendation to the District at the next meeting.

A motion was made stating “Prior to putting the policy in place the Academic Senate requests the District to provide an information and legal workshop by outside experts.
M/S/ Close/Carmean
Additional discussion occurred.

A motion was made to table the previous motion.
M/S/P Castellaw/Burger
A head count was taken, 2/3 of the group was required. The motion passed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

These items were provided for information and will be discussed at the next meeting.

A. SLO Coordinator – Attachment #4
SLO Coordinator nominations will be accepted between today and the next Academic Senate meeting on Monday, October 15. Please forward any names to Chris Hill by email. Chuck Passentino was nominated. Chris will follow up with Chuck. The SLO Coordinator will be working on developing a college wide SLO Plan.

B. Distance Education Coordinator – Attachment #5
Distance Education Coordinator nomination will be accepted between today and the next Academic Senate meeting on Monday, October 15. Please forward any names to Chris Hill by email.

VI. OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

*The next meeting will be on October 15, 2007.

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