I. CALL TO ORDER (11:07am)

A. Public Comment
None

B. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made to approve the day’s agenda.

M/S/U Dudley/Perchez
The motion passed

C. Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2008
A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2008 meeting. Several names were corrected with regard to attendance at the meeting.

M/S/U Burger/Mayne-Stafford
The motion passed
II. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A. Announcements

Chris announced that she recently attended the Area D regional meeting. She also mentioned that State Academic Senate-sponsored institutes are available for faculty to attend, including upcoming sessions in curriculum and faculty leadership. She announced that if anyone was interested in attending an institute, please email her with their interest.

B. Discussion on Clicker Standards

Chris discussed the brief survey that she had conducted with regard to clickers. She mentioned that the college is considering options for standardizing the clicker system in order to provide better technical support. There were several questions regarding the use of the clickers. Jeff Lehman asked if either SDSU or UCSD had similar standards. Diane Mayne-Stafford indicated that the Technology for Teaching and Learning Committee (TTLC) had discussions as well on the use of clickers and establishing a standard. Jenny VandenEynden and Susan Working shared the information on and types of clickers currently used by the math department. Chris said that she would send out information regarding the use of clickers to the faculty at large.

C. Open Nominations for Senate Officer-at-Large Replacement

Chris opened the nominations for the position that will be vacated by Scott Barr at the end of the spring semester. Jane Nolan nominated Devon Atchison. Chris said that the nominations would close at the next meeting and then candidate statements would be requested. The candidates would be voted upon by the senators at the May 5th senate meeting.

D. State Senate Resolution feedback

Chris invited discussion and feedback on the proposed resolutions that would be considered at the upcoming statewide Academic Senate plenary session. There was discussion on Resolution 10.01 with regard to the non-Master’s degree discipline’s list, specifically questioning whether or not the proposal for specific bachelor’s degrees would be more limiting. Donne Leigh mentioned that the counseling department had reviewed the resolutions related to their area and were in support. Jeff Lehman gave a brief review and feedback on the proposed senate paper on grade distribution and there was a brief discussion on the proposal regarding concurrent enrollment.

E. Equivalency examples

Chris shared an email from Joel Castellaw that provided a better explanation of discipline equivalencies. Michael Golden asked about the impact on those individuals that might already be teaching under course equivalencies. Chris said that there are two issues: 1) the establishment of discipline equivalencies by each department, and 2) the development of a solution for those individuals currently teaching who might not meet discipline equivalencies. Chris emphasized that the discipline equivalencies should not be written with the idea of grandfathering in current instructors. Laura Burger presented an example of discipline equivalencies from Exercise Science. Laura said that she would email the sample to the senators.
III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SLOs – Chuck Passentino
   There was not enough time for this report.

B. Program Review – Scott Barr
   There was not enough time for this report.

C. Distance Education – Diane Mayne-Stafford
   There was not enough time for this report.

D. Curriculum – General Studies FAQs
   Sue Gonda presented a report regarding the progress on the conversion of the three General Studies degrees. She explained the process by which the divisions were being asked to review and modify the course structure of the proposed degrees. She asked everyone to please be responsive in signing and returning the forms.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

   None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

   None

VI. OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

*The next meeting will be on April 21, 2008.

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