

**Pierce College
Academic Senate
November 17, 2003**

Members Present: B. Adajian, J. Binsley, P. Brown, R. Brown, M. Cornner, G. Eisenbart, R. Follett, G. Gilbertson, I. Goodman, B. Hart, G. Hobbs, L. Horn, L. Koller, D. Levine, B. Logan, C. Pandey, D. Schutzer, P. Stein, Z. Tabatabai, M. Weiser, R. Wells, K. Yamada

Guests Present: C. Rooney, S. McHargue, E. McCormack, Jeanine Swanson

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Barrie Logan.

The **agenda** was adopted by consensus with one alteration. The PCC report was moved up to 9.1.

Minutes of October 20 were approved with a minor correction. MSP

Treasurer's Report—David Schutzer

We have \$8046.32 in our treasury; there are only 68 paid up faculty members. A "Gentle Reminder" will be in mail boxes this week with the list of paid up members on the back. The list was circulated to the Senate members.

College Administration Report—Rocky Young

- A follow-up on Day of the Child: The event was a success, however, next time we will take a more active role in providing logistical help for things like loading the children on the buses and processing the volunteers in the morning. Sharon and Gray Davis were here for a good part of the day.
- This coming Thursday (November 20) at 10 am there will be a press conference for opening of the microturbines near the gyms and solar panels in the PAB parking lot. The event will focus on the environmental projects under construction—Tillman water project, the Center for the Sciences "silver" LEED certification building, the botanical garden.
- Wednesday at 3:00 pm the State superintendent of schools will be here for a meeting with K-12 administrators. (They are just using our campus for the meeting; we are not actually involved.)

Senate President's Report—Barrie Logan

1. Deputy Jeanine Swanson of the Sheriff's Office was introduced. There are three to four security officers (wearing the white shirts) working with her during the day. Also there are several student worker cadets (mostly dealing with parking citations), and two secretarial staff members. One deputy (other than Deputy Swanson) works with the security officers on the night shift. In response to a question from a senator: Faculty coming in during off-hours let the sheriff's office know where they will be and for how long.
2. District Academic Senate Executive Committee Consultation With Chancellor's Cabinet Regionalization of Programs—There does not appear to be much enthusiasm for the idea of regionalization among the college presidents. When specific proposals are carefully examined, the needed solution typically is that college program-review processes should be strengthened. In some instances it might be useful to have some districtwide back-up system such as a team of outside reviewers in the discipline.
3. Transfer Associate Degree – There was a review of the process that we have gone through over the past two years to establish an additional degree plan. It is currently under review at the District level. The change in Board Rule, §6201.14 would make it clear that the Chancellor has the power to allow local college exceptions to the District wide Plan A and B. The Senate is asked to discuss the issue and vote on a recommendation for our representatives to the DAS. The recommendation was passed with three minor changes as follows:

This is the language that was proposed by the Chancellor's staff:

College eExceptions to general education and major requirements shall may be made by the Chancellor in consultation with the District Academic Senate, upon request from a College President and Academic

Senate President, provided that such exemptions comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

This is the language that was recommended by vote of the Senate:

College eExceptions to general education and major requirements shall may be made by the Chancellor in consultation with the District Academic Senate, upon request from a College President and the local Academic Senate President, provided that such exemptions exceptions comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Old Business

Election Committee—Jill Binsley

Voting for the Senate election will take place Friday, November 14 through noon on Friday, November 21. The ballots are in boxes; they will be counted and the results posted on Monday Nov 24.

Advancement in Rank for Adjunct Faculty—Kathy Holland

Raymond Wells stated that this issue will be handled by the professional development committee and brought to the Senate. Barrie discovered a district policy on this topic dating back to 1986.

Standing Committee Reports

Academic Policy—Izzy Goodman

- The task force working on Expectations of Faculty will be present a draft at next meeting.
- The Campus Open House has been postponed until Spring 2005; Farm Walk and Festivale will still take place this spring 2004.
- The various department have agreed to share ideas about basic and comprehensive evaluations.

Curriculum—Lyn Koller

- DCC has introduced two new forms:
 - i. The first is a reformatting of the Course Change Requests which includes both campus requirements and District requirements, reflecting the new shift toward campus autonomy.
 - ii. The Course Archive Request is a form that will allow campuses to archive, that is delete from their college catalogue, courses that are not currently being offered, without totally deleting them from the database.

The Pierce Curriculum Committee is looking at establishing standards for Distance Learning courses on campus. Anyone interested in participating in a task force on this topic should contact Lyn Koller

Professional Development—Raymond Wells

Advancement in rank for adjunct faculty is currently under discussion.

The Professor of the Month program is under discussion as to whether or not it will be continued.

Hayward Award – Professor Phil Stein has been nominated as our college nominee for this statewide award.

Professional Ethics—Phil Stein The committee will be meeting next Monday

College Committee/Task Force Report

Pierce College Council, November 7 Meeting—Greg Gilbertson

The deadline for departments to submit their block grant request was November 14.

The bond projects: There has been a 3% increase in resources; things will be more expensive.

The fees and expenses of the state architects hadn't been taken into account in previous estimates. Moving of sewer and fresh water lines is now estimated at \$21 to \$28 million—double the original estimate.

The district has hired a value-engineering firm – someone to look for ways to cut costs.

Technology Management Committee— Nov 6 meeting, Jill Binsley

1. Departments need to submit their 2003-2004 Technology Plan to be eligible for any future funding in this area.

2. Greg Whaling is Info Tech's new network specialist from Southwest College.
3. There is approximately a 75 percent chance that Pierce will get a T3 line in the Spring semester. At next month's meeting, Hanh will provide a more definite idea of timing.
4. Faculty and staff can still sign up for SkillSoft on-line software training before December 1.
5. A flyer will be distributed soon to find a new interface between faculty and Info Tech; this has been David Oshima's role.
6. ETUDES course management software has not proven to be satisfactory for all instructors' needs. Therefore, EWeb Classroom will continue to receive support. Instructors who wish to continue using ETUDES, it will also be supported.

New Business

Tomorrow (Wednesday) the womens' soccer team will be in a play off for the state championship. There will be a *Frontiers in Science* lecture this Thursday in Mus 3400. The speaker from Cal Tech will discuss Combinatorial Chemistry.

The Anthropology lecture series on Wednesday 2:15 – 3:15 in Phys 0914 will feature Margaret Wyman speaking on the California Missions and the Native Americans.

Campus Conversations: Next Tuesday November 25 Bert Sanchez will speak on doing business in China.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm. Respectfully submitted, Diane Levine, Secretary