Senate Seconds 2/26/2006

1. Vice President Jim Bickley presided. President Kay Dabelow is ill.
2. **Calendar Committee**: Dorothy Potter presented four drafts developed by the committee. All drafts include Flex Days for SLO development and assessment. The Academic Senate Board voted to submit draft versions 1 and 2 for further consideration by faculty in their divisions. All reps are asked to survey their divisions and be prepared to vote on a final calendar at the next meeting.
3. **Rank Committee**: Jo Buzcko spoke on behalf of having Theodore C. Clarke granted the rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor retroactive to the fall of 2006. Unanimously approved.
4. **Repetition Policy**: Edward Martinez presented a memo from Dr. Margaret Ramey, Associate Dean of Admissions and Records that describes the administration’s decision to implement a directive from the legal counsel of the chancellor’s office on the calculation of GPA where two substandard grades have been earned. A new grade or second repetition will no longer be calculated into GPA. The Academic Senate continues to advocate through ASCCC a change or clarification in Title V regulations that will allow for the calculation of GPA that substitutes the most recently earned grade for all previous substandard grades.
5. Jim Bickley presented a memo from the **Elections Committee** that presents a timeline for elections for Academic Senate officers. Nominations are open until 3/12. Ballots will be distributed on 3/26 and must be returned by 4/3. Elections results will be announced on 4/9.
6. **Executive Committee Recommendations**: Jim Bickley, Edward Martinez, and Ahni Armstrong recommended that Kay Dabelow be formally appointed as Academic Senate representative on the hiring committee for the new PCC president. Unanimously approved. The Senate Board entered into a lengthy discussion on desired characteristics of the new president. The list will be modified and presented to the Board of Trustees. The Senate Board also approved the following: Ratify appointment of Ken Cheney as chair of the Faculty Technology Committee. Ratify appointment of Lynn Wright to Program Outreach Assistant hiring committee. Ratify appointment of Carmen Porreca to Telecommunications Specialist hiring committee. Ratify appointment of Kay Dabelow to Grants Specialist hiring committee. The Senate also approved $100 for refreshments for the Faculty Lecture Performance reception on 3/27. An issue with regard to faculty late grades was referred to the Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics.
7. Secretary Edward Martinez reported that there will be a delay in the production and distribution of the Senate Something Newsletter for the spring. He is also reconvening the Ad Hoc Release Time Committee. Treasurer Ahni Armstrong reported the sum of $10,000 in the general fund of the Senate. There is approximately $230,000 in the scholarship fund.
8. Roger Marheine announced a special meeting of CTA member on 3/1 at noon in the Forum. He mentioned that there is a possibility of the state CTA requiring a raise in dues.
9. Carol Curtis of the **Curriculum and Instruction Committee** presented a draft titled *Philosophy Statement of Student Learning Outcomes*. Copies are available in the Senate office.