

**MINUTES
OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING**

**HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM
April 23, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **11 members present:**
Saul Panski, Estina Pratt, Darwin Smith, Leonard Clark,
Jerome Evans, Chris Halligan, Pamela West, Art
Fleming, Michael Odanaka, Shemiran Lazar, Marjeritta
Philips

MEMBERS ABSENT: **8 members absent**
August Hoffman, Anaruth Garcia, Tom Rydalch,
Thomas Norton, Walter Bentley, Mohammad
Boroujerdi, Manzoor Ahmad, Shirley Thomas

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT:** **2 administrators present**
Susan Dever, Keith Curry

VISITORS PRESENT: **13 visitors present**
David McPatchell, Jose Villalobos, Celia Arroyo,
Fred Lamm, David Maruyama, Pieter Van Niel,
Chelvi Subramaniam, Ella Stewart, Axa Maradiaga,
Ignacio Alvarez, Mike Khalilzadeh, Hilda Gaytan,
Mike Khalilzadeh

34 IN ATTENDANCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Saul Panski at 1:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Saul asked for any changes to the agenda. A request to strike off The Student Equity Plan was made by Saul Panski. Keith Curry had asked to bring back the item on May 8th, as some members of the committee wanted to make some changes to the document. As there were no more changes, a motion to amend and adopt the agenda

was made by Estina Pratt/Chris Halligan (moved/seconded) to adopt the agenda of April 23, 2008.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTE

Chris Halligan/Darwin Smith (moved/seconded) to accept both of the minutes of April 3rd and 15th.

IV. REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. Saul Panski presented a resolution for Dr. August Hoffman who will be taking a one year leave of absence to accept a position in Minnesota. Saul also mentioned that another faculty member would be retiring but this person (Dr. Art Flemming) does not want any publicity or fanfare. A motion to present August with a resolution was made by Estina Pratt/Leonard Clark (moved/seconded) Passed. A celebration for Dr. Hoffman will be held in the Rose Garden in May.

B. Faculty Rep Report

Art Flemming informed the Senate that at the last Board Meeting Committee the district had reported good and bad news. The District ended with an adjusted \$2.1 million balance. But the latest 06/07 budget shows that we ended with a negative balance of \$5 million. Now it turns out that the latest draft version has us ending this year with a negative \$6-7 million deficit. The projected deficit at the end of 08/09 will be negative \$11 million. This is an indication that they want to paint a bleak picture in preparation for something. Marjeritta commented that the State took over when they did for a deficit of \$800,000 plus. Now that the deficit is so high what will they do? The calculations are not being done here. She thinks that faculty are in a daze if they think things are o.k.

Chris Halligan asked how accurate were our budgets before the take over? A discussion followed. Art Flemming explained that some of the deficit is real. We will be down to 70% of funding per AB 318 and payments on monies used from the Line of Credit have to be made. \$7.8 million has been drawn from the Line of Credit to date. Chris Halligan asked about the faculty development evaluations that were recently done. Saul replied that a report will be forthcoming.

C. Shared Governance Comm. Report

Darwin Smith reported that the committee has not met so there was no report.

D. Student Rep

Ignacio Alvarez reported that the celebration the ASB had recently had was a success. They had a hot-dog eating contest and he thanked faculty for their support. He also requested that faculty participate in the Cinco de Mayo celebration coming up.

V. Adjournment

Leonard Clark/Marjerrita Philips (moved/seconded) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Faithfully submitted by Estina Pratt