

**ACADEMIC SENATE
EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 14, 2006**

PRESENT	Ms. Michelle Andrews Mr. David Beaulieu Dr. Lily Chang Ms. Karen Daar Mr. Jerry Ishino Dr. Veronica Jaramillo Ms. Sharon Johnson Ms. Linda Kallan Mr. Viken Kiledjian	Ms. Marilyn Ladd Mr. Jose C. Ramirez Ms. Choonhee Rhim Mr. Anthony Samad Mr. David Senensieb Ms. Elaine Shibata Ms. Jean Stapleton Mr. Song Su Dr. Karen Taback
ABSENT	Mr. Adrian Banuelos Dr. Wendy Bass Ms. Alison Davis Mr. Eddie Flores Ms. Lurelean Gaines Mr. Rick Gamboa Ms. Kelley Hogan	Mr. Alex Immerblum Mr. Doug Kopinski Ms. Paulina Palomino Mr. David Retig Mr. Michael Sigman Mr. Michael Simone
ALTERNATES	Ms. Jean ChukSORji	Dr. Phyllis Hirsch
GUESTS	Ms. Sherrie Davey	Mr. Jeff Hernandez

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. as a meeting of the whole by David Beaulieu, Senate president. A quorum was achieved at 12:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes were made to the proposed agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The approval of the minutes for the October 24 meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM/SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Fallujah:** Colin McKay's new play will open on December 1 in the Edison Center.
- B. **New Chemistry Club (Priority):** The club is sponsoring a speaker series. Professor Carlos Gutierrez from CSULA will be speaking this Thursday, November 16.
- C. **SASA Event:** K. Taback announced that SASA has scheduled a program of speakers on Thursday in the Student Center. Breakfast will be served. The program was well attended last year.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **College Core Competencies Statement and the SLO Mission Statement:** No formal action was taken on either statement. There was a lengthy discussion about the wording of the Core Competencies Statement.

1. The Library and CAOT senators (Rhim and Shibata) suggested breaking up the section on *Technological Literacy and Information Management* into two separate sections for clarity and meaning. The new sections are *Information Competency and Research* and *Technological Literacy and Management*. Some of the bullets suggested under these categories were removed or altered slightly due to redundancy with earlier sections. The Senate agreed that these two competencies are considered essential for student success.
2. L Chang suggested that we add a reference to *awareness of/preparation for the global job market* to the section entitled *Cultural and Global Appreciation*.
3. K Taback suggested rephrasing the section on *Civic Engagement*.
4. There were other diction recommendations, but the Senate focused on content changes. Further stylistic recommendations will be forwarded to A Samad or D Beaulieu.
5. The Ed Plan Committee will review the Core Competencies Statement next, as will the Shared Governance Committee (ESGC), and then it will come back to the Senate for a formal vote of approval. The Senate did concur with D Beaulieu, however, that it had no objection to the content or organization, given changes made today.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Nominations for DAS Representative:** Nominations were solicited by D Beaulieu for the DAS representative position. Anyone interested in the vacancy can contact him before the next meeting. A vote will be taken at that time.
- B. **Designation of Ed Plan Chair as Specified Senate Representative on ESGC:** The Senate agreed by consensus that the Ed Plan Committee Chair will be the new designated Senate rep on ESGC (comparable to the WEC Chair serving for AFT).
- C. **Additional ESGC Senate Representatives Needed:** Volunteers were sought for the two additional seats on ESGC. Senators were asked to submit their names to D Beaulieu before the next meeting. The new ESGC membership structure and other recent changes were reviewed again.
- D. **Alternative Classes for New Math and English Graduation Requirements:** K Daar requested Senate input on the question of who determines the alternative classes for the new Math and English requirements for graduation that will take effect in 2009. D Senensieb argued that the State Academic Senate has made a major error in allowing for these alternatives without clear direction as to how they can be established. The Math Council is afraid that other departments will set up courses that will not properly prepare students for subsequent Math courses and that they will be taught by instructors without adequate Math training. D Beaulieu suggested that the problem is manageable and that the local Curriculum Committees will have to be vigilant to prevent any abuse. There remains a concern in our district, however, given that any college can create a course that then goes into the district data bank and can therefore be offered by any other college. Still, local monitoring should prevent major problems. D Senensieb added that the Math Department at East is willing and eager to work with any other department that would like to establish such a course.
- E. **Healthy Food Choices on Campus:** J Hernandez briefly introduced his concern—and that of his colleagues in Social Sciences—that there is a real lack of healthy food choices on campus. He suggested that the Senate might want to pass a resolution calling for better options. D Beaulieu added that it should be discussed in ESGC and said that he would have it put on the agenda. Several senators voiced concern about the problem and expressed interest in looking for improvements.
- F. **Senate By-Laws Revision: Tabled.**
- G. **Proposed BOT Academic Freedom Statement: Tabled.**
- H. **ACE Implementation: Tabled.**

VII. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **President's Report: Tabled.**

- B. Facilities Committee Report: Tabled.**
- C. Budget Committee Report: Tabled.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Baity