



## V. REPORTS

A. **Treasurer.** Michael Reese reported there is a balance of \$610.33 in the checking account and \$2,661.50 in the savings account.

B. **Academic Affairs** – Bill Brothers announced he plans to later discuss the Mission Statement, under Old Business on today's agenda.

C. **Professional Development Committee.** Bill Brothers reported on behalf of Bonnie ZoBell that the deadline to turn in sabbatical applications is Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

D. **Committee of Chairs.** Georgia Laris reported on the following items:

- The Chair for the Committee of Chairs' election is Chris Sullivan.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Deans and Chairs meeting.
- There is a concern with delays in the hiring process.
- A concern exists with workload (student learning outcomes (SLO's), program review and accreditation reports). A subcommittee plans to meet for further discussion on these matters.
- Continue to have involvement with ongoing construction plans at Mesa.

E. **Vice-President.** Cynthia Rico-Bravo reported on the following:

- She printed out and circulated descriptions of the committees who are having difficulties in recruiting new members.
  - Research Committee is seeking three faculty members;
  - Academic Affairs Committee is seeking two faculty members;
  - Foundation Board of Directors is seeking one faculty member and two public directors.

President Teegarden urged all senators to share Rico-Bravo's information with new faculty on the wonderful opportunity to serve on those committees.

F. **Curriculum Review Chair** – Paula Gustin reported on the following:

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> was the deadline to submit information for the catalog.
- She was happy to report that a lot of curriculum is being integrated. As a follow up, Gustin informed the Senate that email reminders will be sent out to the department chairs.
- Program changes are being revised to resemble the pages in the catalog. In the past, the program side did not match with what was listed in the course catalog. Gustin helped identify the departments who had put changes through CurricUNET.

G. **Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Coordinator (SLOAC)** – Joe Safdie reported on the following:

- The SLO subcommittee will be meeting on March 7th from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.
- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the SLO Research subcommittee met to finalize their membership.
- The lists of members serving on the SLO subcommittee were read to the senators. When a question was asked if adjuncts can serve on committees, Teegarden clarified for that adjuncts can serve on any committee looking for members.
- A list of Frequently-asked-questions (FAQ's) will be sent out electronically by Safdie.

- He mentioned the deadline for SLO's is the end of this semester. After Safdie indicated what he was looking for, McLeod clarified that Safdie is seeking SLO's for disciplines (not department or school). Some concerns were raised about SLO's, but Safdie mentioned that Accreditation will be visiting Mesa in 2010 and the SLO's must be in place. President Teegarden encouraged all disciplines to utilize Safdie and invite him to assist and provide input on areas they may need help with in their SLO's. Although he is aware of everyone's reluctance to develop SLO's, Safdie reiterated that it's less work than what everyone seems to think it is. He explained that 3-5 SLO's be written per discipline; however, disciplines need only assess one SLO in the next academic year.

**H. Basic Skills Coordinator – Tracey Walker.** President Teegarden reported that Tracey Walker will not be able to report to the Senate on Basic Skills due to a scheduling conflict. It was hoped that Walker could report on a regular basis to the Senate because President Teegarden believes that many students who come to community colleges require help with basic skills. Schenk, who serves as the Reading Coordinator on the Basic Skills Committee, agreed with President Teegarden's comment and added embedded tutors have been hired to help in English classes for supplemental instruction. Schenk said early reports are very favorable which show that the tutoring helps students who struggle with these issues. It was also mentioned that Math workshops are currently being run by Professor William Peters and held in the Math and Science Center.

**I. President** – Terrie Teegarden reported on the following:

**1. President's Cabinet**

- After she met with President Rita Cepeda and Vice President Elizabeth Armstrong, President Teegarden was notified about a delay in filling faculty positions. She mentioned that the original Hiring Committee met to review the hiring list and reassess it. President Teegarden doesn't believe the list will go away. Specht had mentioned that past-president Carl Luna wrote a document on a 5-year timeline. After hearing this, Laris added that the chairs be included in further hiring discussions.
- On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the District is having a drill of the emergency broadcast system. Expect students to receive calls on their cell phones at around noon.

**2. District Governance**

- California Community Colleges Board of Governors (CCCCBG) has developed an Energy and Sustainability Policy which the District Sustainability Committee is reviewing to determine if there are any changes needed prior to bringing the District Policy to the state.
- Enrollment is up despite the changes made to the reporting which caused the numbers to go down.
- There will be no cuts of current faculty or staff or their benefits.
- Given a decrease in funding for next year and an increase in expenses, the budget gap will be about \$5.1 million next year. The plan includes splitting 200-300 FTES from summer to maintain a base and an additional 700 plus to take advantage of the maximum growth and to increase the average class size from 2003 (level was 35 students per class). Also, there will be delays in filling vacant positions.

**3. Other.**

- ABSO announced that food prices and deliver prices have gone up which will result in an increase in the cost of food. The size of hamburger patties will be reduced to help keep costs down. They experienced a loss of \$100,000 due to the College closure during the wild fires.



**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- Ontell announced that Library Walk-in workshops will be on Mondays and Wednesdays starting March 5<sup>th</sup> in LRC 432 from 1:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M.
- Moctezuma extended an invitation for everyone to see the San Diego Mesa College Faculty exhibit in the Art Gallery, which will be up until March 5<sup>th</sup>. The next art exhibit will be featuring David Bacon (San Francisco artist).

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** was made by President Teegarden at 3:51 P.M.

***Next meeting will be on March 10, 2008, in Room H117/118 at 2:15 P.M.***

Respectfully submitted by  
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Ruth San Filippo, Recording Secretary.