

Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday, August 23, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
ELC 405

- I. Call to order: 2:00 p.m. In attendance: David Lund (President/Past President), Britton Mace, Luciane Berg, Kim Craft, Elise Leahy, Jessica Tfordi, Artis Grady, Richard Eissinger, Scott Hansen, Jeff Salehi, Tony Pelligrini, Arlene Braithwaite, Carol Ann Modesitt, Virginia Stitt (outgoing parliamentarian), Doug Molash, Louie (Paul) C. Ocampo, Rob Robertson, Seth Armstrong, Rick Lambson, Art Porter, Judy Higbee, Kevin Robinson, Kenny Laundra, Kathy Black, Robert Eves, Shawn Christiansen, Ty Redd, Helen Boswell, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Wayne Williams (past senator, who left as soon as his pastness was clarified), and Abe Harraf (Provost).
- II. David Lund, President/Past President welcomed senators, thanked them for the former and future service and turned gavel over to the new President—Dr. David Rees. David Lund remained in attendance to take minutes, and Virginia Stitt remained to function as parliamentarian for the business of the meeting, which is to reorganize the senate.
- III. David Rees' first order of business was to ask the question regarding senators who were serving in colleges/schools or departments that no longer existed—should they continue to serve or not? Judy Higbee asked if senators represented schools/colleges or departments. Wayne Williams wanted to know his status at this point, since his election was in a college that no longer existed. Jessica Tvardi wanted some clarification on numbers at this point—she thought that HSS might need 7 senators, in which case Wayne Williams might be able to continue service, since he is now in that college. Arlene Braithwaite made a motion that senators who had been moved due to the reorganization which occurred last Spring not be retained as senators to serve out their term. The motion was seconded by Art Porter. The motion was called to question; the ensuing vote was 22 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. Wayne Williams graciously left.
- IV. David Rees opened nominations for Vice-president/President-elect of the Senate, reminding all present that the person elected needed to have at least 2 years of service left. It was clarified by looking at the current constitution of the senate (approved in 1991) that anyone with 2 years service remaining could serve, whether tenured or not. Kathy Black nominated Seth Armstrong who declined to accept the nomination. Elise Leahy nominated Luciane Berg, who accepted the nomination. Britton Mace then seconded her nomination. Kenny Laundra moved that nominations cease, Louie Ocampo seconded this motion, and after no discussion a unanimous vote in the affirmative was cast to cease nominations. Luciane Berg became President-elect/Vice-president without opposition.

- V. David Rees opened nominations for Secretary of the Senate. Art Porter nominated Carol Ann Modesitt, who declined to accept the nomination. Kenny Laundra then nominated Helen Boswell, who accepted the nomination, which was then seconded by Luciane Berg. Ty Redd moved that nominations cease, Kevin Robinson seconded this motion, there was no ensuing discussion and Helen Boswell became the secretary with no opposition.
- VI. David Rees then opened nominations for Treasurer of the Senate. Ty Redd nominated Arlene Braithwaite, who declined the nomination. Ty then nominated Seth Armstrong who accepted, and Art Porter seconded this nomination. Seth then nominated Jeff Salehi, who declined to accept it. Carol Ann Modesitt moved that nominations cease, the motion was seconded by Ty Redd, and after no discussion the motion to cease nominations carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote and Seth Armstrong became the treasurer without opposition.
- VII. David Rees then opened nominations for parliamentarian of the Senate. Luciane Berg nominated Kirk Fitzpatrick, who accepted. His nomination was seconded by Jessica Tvordi. Louie Ocampo nominated Doug Molash, who also accepted, and his nomination was seconded by Carol Ann Modesitt. Both declined to give a speech. A secret ballot was cast, with each eligible voter writing the name of their preference on a slip of paper. The votes were counted by Virginia Stitt and David Lund. Doug Molash was elected as Senate Parliamentarian by a vote of 18 for Doug and 10 for Kirk.
- VIII. The next order of business was to organize Faculty Senate Committees. The question was raised as to why we had to do so many. David Rees answered that many senators had left, many more than anticipated. He indicated that there was no direction in the current by-laws regarding the staffing of committees.
 - A. The first committee to be reorganized was the Academic Affairs Committee. David indicated that tradition gave this chairmanship to the Vice-president/President-elect. Subsequently, Doug Molash nominated Luciane Berg to chair the AAC. Carol Ann Modesitt seconded this nomination. The responsibilities of the AAC chair were discussed. Doug Molash moved that nominations cease, since Luciane had accepted the nomination and it fit the tradition of this responsibility. Ty Redd seconded the motion. The subsequent vote was unanimous in the affirmative. David Rees then appointed new members to serve on that committee—Randy Christensen (as Vice Chair) Art Porter, Deb Hill, Ty Redd, Virginia Stitt, and Scott Hansen.
 - B. Second committee organized was the Faculty Development Committee. David Rees suggested that Kim Craft be nominated as chair, he declined. He then suggested that Judy Higbee receive the nomination. She said that

would be OK. Subsequently, Arlene Braithwaite made this nomination, Elise Leahy seconded it, and the vote in favor of Judy becoming chair of the committee was unanimous. Judy will work on filling the committee.

- C. Richard Eissinger volunteered to serve as chair of the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Committee as he had served on that committee the past year. It was then moved that this nomination be made formally by Carol Ann Modesitt and seconded by Elise Leahy. Voting for approval of this nomination was unanimous in the affirmative. Richard will fill the committee with appropriate members.
 - D. Helen Boswell was nominated to serve as the chair of the Publication Award Committee and it was requested that this committee be combined with the Student Scholarship Committee. The nomination was made by Ty Redd and seconded by Carol Ann Modesitt. Subsequent voting was unanimous in the affirmative.
 - E. Luciane Berg nominated Britton Mace to serve as chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. He accepted the nomination, and it was seconded by Kirk Fitzpatrick. Kenny Laundra moved that nominations cease, Luciane Berg seconded this motion. The vote to cease nominations was unanimous, as was the vote in the affirmative for Britton Mace to serve as chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee.
 - F. David Rees then suggested that Kenny Laundra be nominated to serve on the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee. He was amenable to the nomination. Doug Molash moved that Kenny be nominated, Carol Ann Modesitt seconded this motion. Carol Ann then moved that nominations cease, followed by a second by Helen Boswell. Voting to do so was unanimous in the affirmative and Kenny will chair this committee. He will select committee members appropriately.
- IX. David Rees then briefly went over the duties of the new officers of the senate.
- X. David Rees indicated that a new committee is to be formed with a faculty senate representative—the Parking Ticket Appeals Committee. Robert Eves volunteered to serve on this committee.
- XI. To conclude the meeting, David Rees reminded the senate of the Faculty Conference meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. He indicated the topic of discussion would be the proposed LRT policy. He also handed out the senate calendar for the coming academic year, with the comment that the next Senate meeting would be September 9, 3:00 pm to discuss LRT policy.
- XII. Carol Ann Modisett made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.