

Los Angeles Trade Technical College
Academic Senate Minutes of
May 23, 2006

Last Senate meeting of the semester convened by Senate President Chini Johnson at 12:13 pm although a quorum was not achieved during the meeting. Agenda items and related issues were discussed however no official business was conducted during this meeting.

Present at the Meeting: Brenda Austin, Dennis Burke, Linda Delzeit, Ken Desjardins, Dan Encinas, Jan Gangel-Vasquez, Teresa Grenot, Pat Hollingsworth, Philip Huld, Leslie Kite, Ayesha Lindsey, Lorraine Megowan, Lisa Moreno, Larry Pogoler, Sheila Tishler, Constance Tripp, Hiro Uchida, Frank Williams, Deirdre Wood and Chini Johnson.

Guests: Marcy Drummond, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Leticia Barajas, Dean of Academic Affairs.

Minutes of May 9, 2006 meeting were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Item from the Floor

Jan Gangel-Vasquez requested a discussion on the election process and issues surrounding the current election of new Senate officers. Most of the one hour allotted for this special Senate meeting was devoted to discussion of the current Senate election. Major concerns were that the election has not been given enough publicity; there should have been more time for the candidates to make their platforms available and not enough time has been allotted to hold the election. It was noted that perhaps the election should be by mail as the AFT does their election. It was mentioned that the Senate Board should have organized things better. Senate President Johnson pointed out that the election is being conducted according to rules put forth in our Senate Constitution. The Nominating Committee set a deadline for candidates to submit statements of candidacy and the Committee then prepared the slate of candidates. The Election Committee is now overseeing the voting taking place May 23 – 25 across from the mailroom (where it is traditionally held). All current active Senate Officers are running for offices in the new election and therefore they should not be more than tangentially involved in any aspect of the election. Dates of the election were stated in Senate minutes of both the April 18 and the May 9 meetings. Senate President Johnson also sent out an email on May 15 to LATTC Faculty giving information about the upcoming Senate election. The Ballot Box will be kept in President Harris' office each night during the election. After the ballots are counted, they will remain with the Senate Secretary until it is certain a recount is not

necessary. Double envelopes are being used to ensure confidentiality. Pat Hollingsworth suggested, and Senate President Johnson concurred that candidates disseminate their platform via email and/or flyers in campus mail boxes. Jan Gangel-Vasquez expressed her concern that these same issues not crop up again in future elections. She will bring this before the Senate again in the fall.

Old Business

Update on Senate Elections:

Members of the Election Committee are Dennis Burke, Sheila Tishler, Ron Parker, Ron Jackson and Hernan Quinones. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Bob Essex, Joyce Livingston, Lisa Moreno, Dorian Grunbaum and Dennis Burke. Senate President Johnson thanked members serving on both of these committees. Please also refer to the above discussion.

Draft Program Viability Review and Draft New Discipline/Program Appraisal Processes:

Acting Vice President Marcy Drummond pointed out the two processes are quite similar and need to be approved by our President before they become effective. At the last senate meeting it was suggested that the representative on the committees for the students be a student rep rather than an ASO rep. Discussion followed on how the student rep should be selected. It was suggested that a student in the [discipline](#) involved should serve on the committees. Senate President Johnson suggested the ASO select the student rep. Further discussion of the drafts followed and 1st Vice President Larry Pogoler proposed representation on the review committee include a member of the [discipline](#) under consideration. Each committee shall conduct a forum before the drafts are approved. [The Senate was unable to take action on these drafts because a quorum was not present.](#)

Announcements:

Senate President Johnson reminded us Graduation is Thursday June 8. A reception for the Faculty is scheduled that day at 11:30 am.

Senate President Johnson informed us over 200 people have signed up for the 80th Anniversary celebration on May 25. The reception will take place from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Fifteen student sculptures will be on display and some will be available for purchase at the silent auction. The dinner will take place from 5:30 – 7 pm and the Gold Thimble fashion show will follow. 80th anniversary t-shirts are available for purchase in the

bookstore. Senate President Johnson thanked those who contributed baskets for the silent auction.

Acting Vice President Marcy Drummond reminded us the candidates' forum for the new LATTC President is scheduled for June 5 from 1:30 – 5 pm.

Lorraine Megowan, Staff Development Coordinator announced the FLEX days are scheduled for June 6 and 7. She plans to send out an email with further information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Kite
Secretary, Academic Senate