Staff Development Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 21, 2009  
LC-135, 3:30pm

PRESENT:  Alva Acosta  
Carl Bengston  
Ni Bueno  
Rocio Casillas  
David Fabish  
Monica Lopez  
Vyikki Morgan  
Sunday Obazuaye  
Suzie Payne  
Debbie Thomas  
Beverly Thompson  
Frank Vega

ABSENT:  Robert Buschauer  
Cristian Galvez  
Carmen Garcia  
Jason Macias  
Ceci Medina  
Stephanie Murguia  
Hagop Najarian

1 – Welcome  
At 3:40pm Carl Bengston greeted everyone and began the meeting.

2 – Approval of Minutes  
David Fabish moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2009 the motion was seconded by Suzie Payne. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3 – Update: Staff Development Membership Sub-Committee  
Carl Bengston reported that during the Coordinating Committee meeting the Staff Development Committee’s proposal to change its makeup was tabled pending further investigation by Mr. Farmer.

There was much discussion during the Coordinating Committee due to a question from Dean Mellas concerning reduced Faculty participation in staff development activities. Bryan Reece (Faculty Senate President) stated that when Staff Development was first introduced there was an abundance of money, and that is why there were numerous Faculty on the committee. But due to lack of funding in recent years, he feels it is no longer necessary to have as many Faculty on the committee. The subject of the Staff Development Proposal was side tracked when a question posed by Ted Stolze (CCFF President) regarding the Employee of the Month Committee (EOM) was asked. David Fabish reported that Lynn Laughon (CSEA President) mentioned that she would ultimately like to see the EOM Committee on the same level as the Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Relations. She indicated, however, that she would have no objections to the Staff Development Committee proposal as presented. Seeing the discussion becoming quite lengthy, Jim Albanese moved to table the discussion pending more investigation by Mr. Farmer.
Carl then mentioned that he and Debbie Thomas had already met with Mr. Farmer and that Mr. Farmer was planning to meet with Lynn to investigate further. Carl indicated that he was hopeful the issue would be resolved when the Coordinating Committee reconvenes later this summer.

4– Past & Upcoming Events

Debbie Thomas mentioned that The Classified Awards Ceremony was a success. Debbie also discussed previous and future events. Ni Bueno discussed the Triathlon she is sponsoring on June 19. Discussion of this and other fitness events ensued. A motion was made by Suzie Payne, seconded by Alva Acosta and unanimously approved to form a subcommittee to plan a new Fitness Challenge. Volunteers for the subcommittee are Ni Bueno, Alva Acosta, Suzie Payne and Debbie Thomas.

5 - Meeting Adjourned – 4:21pm

Prepared by: DThomas