ALL FACULTY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2007
(Approved by the Executive Council on November 14, 2007)

Executive Council members present (noted by *):
*Janet McCulloch, presiding  *John Daly  *Joyce Johnson  Andrea Proehl
*Alix Alixopulos  *Cheryl Dunn  *Michael Kaufmann  *Mike Starkey
*Lara Branen-Ahumada  *Peggy Goebel  *Renée Lo Pilato  *Linda Weiss
*Paula Burks  *Johanna James  *Michael Meese  Vacancy Fall 2007

Also present:  Abe Farkas, Dean of Curriculum and Educational Support Services; Ted Crowell, Ann Herbst, Warren Ruud, Deborah Sweitzer; Judith Bernstein, Candy Shell.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

MEMBER CONCERNS

1. Use of Social Security Numbers. Janet McCulloch relayed a concern from a regular faculty member regarding the widespread use of faculty Social Security numbers on various District forms and other documents. The faculty member questioned whether the same system that is now being used for students (each student is assigned a special number) could be implemented for faculty. Janet will follow up and explore that possibility with the Human Resources and Payroll departments.

2. Outfitting Classrooms with Internet Capability. Ted Crowell recommended that faculty who are interested in getting a classroom computer up and running on the Internet should contact the Computing Services Help Desk.

MINUTES

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 10, 2007 Executive Council meeting, which were accepted as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2008-09 Calendar.
   • Equalizing the Number of Days in Each Semester. Deborah Sweitzer, who serves as the AFA representative on the Calendar Committee, presented a draft document to the Council that summarized 2008-09 Calendar ideas under discussion by that committee. She noted that AFA is interested in equalizing the number of days in each semester to 88, and reducing the total number of working days in the academic year from 177 to 176. This change would solve a problem related to CalSTRS service credit that regular faculty encounter when trying to retire mid-year. AFA is also willing to consider a new summer template, as long as student needs can be met, and faculty agree and have adequate time to adapt their instruction to fit the new template. Deborah explained that any changes to the calendar need to be negotiated. Ordinarily, the calendar is presented to the Board in November every year; however, since the 30-day “sunshine” period for 2007-08 negotiations doesn’t end until after the November Board meeting, the calendar would have to be presented at the December Board meeting. Deborah noted that the Calendar Committee discussed many alternatives and settled on three options, which would be presented for discussion at the October 25 meeting of College Council: 1) maintain the existing calendar (177 days, 88 in the fall, 89 in the spring, 3-week intersession, followed by 8-week summer
1. Conclision/Grievance Report. This report was conducted in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. Minutes submitted by Judith Bernstein.