I. Call to Order: by Sal Soto at 3:55 pm

II. Roll Call:

President
Travis Gibbs (present)

Vice President
Sal Soto (present)

Senator-at-Large
Nick Sinigaglia (present)

Business & Information Technology Systems
Cheryl Honore (present)

Communications
Valarie Zapata (present)
Edd Williams (present)

Health, Human & Public Services
Bob Fontaine (present)

Humanities & Social Sciences
Eric Thompson (present)

Math, Science & PE
Don Foster (present)
LaTonya Parker (present)
Cindy Ovard (present)
Ellen Lipkin (present)
Nicolae Baciuna (present)

Fire Tech/Fire Academy Program

Visitors:
VP, Academic Affairs
Lisa Conyers

Dean of Instruction
Carlos Tovares

Dean, PSET
Cordell Briggs

Student Body Senator
Katrina Garcia

Student Government
Wyndora Robinson

III. Approval of Agenda. Honore moved, Baciuna seconded. Unanimous approval.

IV. Approval of Minutes: 4/04/11 senators were asked to revisit their notes and agendas to try and reconstruct the minutes at the next meeting; 5/16/11 are forthcoming. Secretary Zapata has the audio of the meeting; 9/19/11 forthcoming.

V. Student Support Services Grant: Lisa Chavez gave Senate overview of Student Support Services. She directed Senators to handout outlining their staff, objective, participant eligibility requirements, and services offered. Please send students to them.

VI. New Title V regulations regarding course repetition. Law has passed to cut it down to three times maximum. This is about course repetition, not repeatability. Students can only take a course three times in our district (must file petition for extenuating circumstances beyond the three). This is now in grace period. Might be enacted this summer. Check email Gibbs provided via subject for additional information.
VII. MVC Presidential search: Search is still ongoing. If Senators have questions or concerns they are asked to address presidential search committee. Committee members are listed on campus website.

VII. OLD Business
a. **AP 4000: Academic Rank:** Norco approved, with the amended word of “faculty.” Voted to approve with amended word. Honore motioned, Lipkin seconded. Unanimous approval.
b. **Associate Faculty Representative:** Search for representative continues.
c. **MVC Faculty Association Bank Account:** Progress report. Soto and Zapata working on it.

VIII. New Business
a. **Professor Emerita:** Delores Middleton is retiring. Williams motioned to grant Middleton Professor Emerita status, Soto seconded. Unanimous approval.
b. **Title 5 changes about course repetition:** See section VI (above)
c. **Moving second drop date:** 75% to 50% of the semester. There was a discussion about the future possibility of moving second drop rate from 75%. State Senate’s position is still unknown. Discussions are ongoing. A few pros and cons were mentioned. Senator Sinigaglia seeks input and feedback from Senators and respective departments.
d. **Performance-based priority registration:** The question was raised, “Do we give priority registration to successful students?” There was a little confusion as to whether a new category of priority registration students was being created. However, topic is just being brought to the table for initial discussion. Senator Soto explained the categories and levels of priority registration. Registration date is based on number of units student has completed.
e. **Moving faculty development to old STEM location?** Tovares spoke on the subject. Because STEM appeared to be going away, it was unclear about a future location if it was resurrected. Because new grant discussions are underway, some concerns were raised, such as a place for Faculty Development. However, supplementary instruction (SI) may still be a possibility. Currently adjunct faculty does not always have access to PSC-11. Maureen Chavez will be holding informational meetings regarding grants.
f. **Earlier class start times:** Increasing student choices. Edd Williams spoke on the subject. Was suggested that earlier start times would not only allow for more flexibility for students but could alleviate with parking concerns. CTA concerns were raised because contract time is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Senate recommended if faculty are interested and express desire they can teach 7 a.m. courses but must work with their respective department chairs and Dean of Instruction.

IX. Officer and Student Liaison Reports
a. **President:** Travis Gibbs. Gibbs is meeting with President Harris to discuss budget concerns. There is general dissatisfaction with the compartmentalization. College is faced with massive cuts ($3-$5 million for 2012-2013). Gibbs offered the need for a campus wide budget discussion to ensure transparency and inclusion. Harris is receptive to such
meeting. SPC recommendations are upcoming. Foster reminded everyone to take part in their assigned subcommittees, especially if we want broad based discussion. At issue, how to become a smaller college.

b. **Vice President**: Sal Soto. Soto reported on APC meeting. At meeting there was discussion of budget cuts. We were reminded that current cuts are from last Spring. Cuts were made to Winter to save more classes in Spring. We are facing an additional 170 sections cut.

c. **Secretary Treasurer**: Valarie Zapata. No report.

d. **Senator At-Large**: Nick Sinigaglia. No report

e. **Interim College President**: Tom Harris. Lisa Conyers reported on ongoing accreditation. Called for ongoing participation. December 1st is report deadline.

f. **Associate Faculty** (Part-time Faculty): Vacant.

g. **Student Liaison**: Reported on Pink Ribbon week. Homecoming packets with be available October 10th – there’s a $500 scholarship available. Halloween Valley is Friday, October 28th. There will be a meeting with students at Ben Clark – want to make sure their students are included.

X. Committee and Liaison Reports: Due at the Oct 17th meeting

a. Academic Planning Council (APC): Sal Soto/Carlos Tovares

b. Basic Skills Committee: Sheila Pisa

c. MVC Faculty Assessment Committee: Sheila Pisa

d. Curriculum Committee: Natalie Hannum

e. District Academic Standards (DAS): Jeanne Howard

f. **District Program Review (DPR)**: Bob Fontaine

g. District Profession Growth & Sabbatical Leave Committee (PG&SLC): James Banks/Kathy Saxon

h. Faculty Development Committee: Dan Clark

i. RCC District Faculty Association (RCCDFA)/CCA/CTA/NEA

j. Safety Committee: Cheryl Honore

k. **Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)**: Don Foster/Lisa Conyers

l. Classified Staff Liaison: Angela Thomas

XI. Open Hearing.

-- Sal Soto introduced his intern, Evan Gilstrap.

-- Drew Nichols, from MVC bookstore, reminded instructors to inform the bookstore if they need to have their books held. Bookstore is at the point of sending books back. Nichols also asked for instructors to turn in Winter orders. The bookstore is able to make and sell customized t-shirts, folders, etc. Contact them for additional information.

-- Soto informed the Senate that DSPS counselor Alex Yglosa was in a serious accident and is in ICU.

XII. Adjournment at 5:49 p.m. Honore motioned to adjourn, Fontaine seconded. Unanimous approval.