

# Senate Bytes

Antelope Valley College Academic Senate Newsletter

May 2006

## From the Senate President

It just does not seem possible that one full academic year is now at a close. We are in the midst of Honor's and Scholarship Convocation, and next graduation. This year the Academic Senate has been really busy and we want to thank the entire faculty in working with their senate representative(s) in reviewing, critiquing, and supporting the Senate work. It is because of all of you that we have accomplished so much.

In the fall you will see a revised Senate Constitution for your consideration. The Senate has made minor revisions and additions that we feel will improve the Senate. We hope that you will support these changes so that we can begin early in the fall semester to implement the revised constitution. Also in the fall we hope that the Faculty Internship Program can begin. We are sending the program to administration and faculty union to negotiate the compensation for the Faculty Coordinator, Faculty Mentor, and Faculty Intern. As soon as that is agreed upon, the Senate can get the program started. Also, in the fall, we will be utilizing the new Equivalency Committee to review and assist with the discipline equivalency development and hiring process for new faculty. If you would like to be a part of this new committee, please submit your name to the Senate Office. We want to be sure to get started as soon as possible.

Included in the Senate Bytes is a list of the annual achievements of the Senate, we hope that you will take the time to review the accomplishments and reflect what a difference a year makes. On behalf of the Academic Senate have a great summer and see you all in the fall.



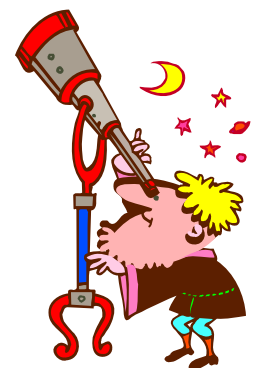
## Hip, Hip, Hooray!

The Academic Senate is pleased to announce the arrival of *Crystal Lewellen* as our new administrative assistant. Be sure to stop by the Senate Office and extend a warm welcome.



## Blackboard Not So Distant

After eight months of gathering data and examining distance education options, AVC has signed a contract with Blackboard that will allow faculty to use a top-notch distance education course management system. Starting as early as this summer, and definitely in the fall, faculty will have the opportunity to integrate Blackboard into their online and campus classes. The Distance Education Committee is working to establish and coordinate training opportunities, workshops, and mentor programs for faculty wanting to use Blackboard. Workshops will begin in the summer and continue through the fall and spring semesters.



**Academic Senate meets the  
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month  
at 3 p.m. in room SSV 151.**

# AVC Submits Early College Proposal

The Antelope Valley College District and the Antelope Valley Joint Union High School District have submitted a joint proposal to the California Community College Foundation to form an Early College High School (ECHS) on the AVC campus. If the proposal is accepted, the ECHS, which is tentatively called S.O.A.R. High (for Students on the Academic Rise), could start next fall. The school would have a Math, Science, and Engineering focus. The goal of the project is to target students with high academic ability who might not ordinarily consider college a possibility because of their socio economic status or other considerations. This national program is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York and other funding sources.



Students who are currently in the eighth grade would be invited to apply based on test scores. Each student and his/her parents must submit transcripts and an application which would be reviewed by a joint committee of AVC and AVUHSD administrators and faculty. Finalists would appear for an interview with the selection committee. Students must be willing to forgo some of the traditional extra curricular activities that are common with high schools. Parental support and involvement is a requirement of the program. Students with significant disciplinary problems would not be accepted.

Students at S.O.A.R. High would take the standard high school curriculum delivered by high school teachers and monitored by an on-site principal. All students must pass the high school exit exam to graduate. However, students will gradually be introduced to the college curriculum as they become eligible. Students must complete the AVC assessment to determine appropriate levels for college classes. The planners hope that these students may be able to complete high school and get an associates degree or a certificate within five years. Although the Foundation suggests that the total enrollment be no more that 400 students, the most successful program in the state has only 280 enrolled. The target enrollment for fall is seventy students. For more information, contact Dorothy Williams

## 2006/2007 Academic Senate

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position
SANDOVAL, Patricia	President
GRISHMAN, Lee	1st Vice President
HALLIDAY, Jack	2nd Vice President
MANELY, Richard	Officer-at-Large

### SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Division
BEYER, Ed	Business, Comp/Media Studies
BYRNE, Dan	Math/Science
DICKINSON, Debra	Health Sciences
GRATTON, Claude	Social Science/FACE
GRISHMAN, Lee	Student Services
HALLIDAY, Jack	Technical Education
	Arts & Letters
LEE, Scott	Student Services
LEHMAN, Cynthia	Social Science/FACE
MANLEY, Richard	At-Large
METTLER, Tyrone	Technical Education
MARTIN, Candace	At-Large
REZEK, Terry	Business, Comp/Media Studies
SANDOVAL, Patricia	President
TAYLOR, John	Health Sciences/Physical Education
TOTH, John	Arts & Letters
VALIOTIS, Christos	Math/Science
WILLIAMS, Dorothy	At-Large

### EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES

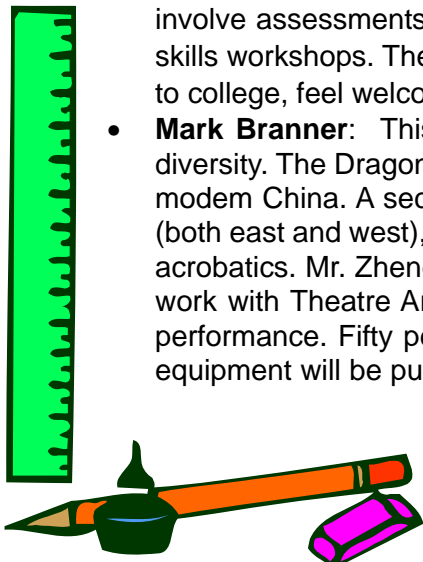
Name	Position
CHARLIE, Deborah	AP&P Co-Chair
EASTIN, Carol	Program Review Coordinator
LUBICK, Karen	Honors Chair
MUMMAW, Ron	Flex Chair
OLSON-TOLAR, Debra	Tenure Review Coordinator
PRESCHLER, Heidi	AVCFT



# 2005-2006 Academic Senate Grant Program

The following grant proposals were approved for funding through the Senate Grant Program:

- **Dr. Cynthia Lehman and Michael Traina:** Dr. Lehman and Mr. Traina will again host the World Cinema Night, which brings foreign film to be screened with its director. The Senate support enables AVIFF to bring an international filmmaker to the spring events benefiting students, faculty and the community. (Senate has requested measurable outcomes.)
- **Dr. David Newby:** Dr. Newby is attempting to increase student opportunity to live performances that are enrolled in several different music courses. Students will submit one-page concert typed review, using specific criteria/elements from the discipline to discuss the impact on student learning.
- **John Vento:** In the fall 2004, Mr. Vento spearheaded the Model United Nations (MUN) Program. This year, sixteen students will participate in the UC Berkeley's MUN conference in Spring 2006. Some of the identified objectives that students will master are: demonstrate the art of persuasion and negotiation, state the principles and practices of the UN, and come to consensus on complex issues.
- **Charles Hood:** This proposal supports the establishment of a first time AVC online digital archive of visual resources. The digital resources will include study works from art history, images of the major cultural sites in Los Angeles, historic images, top news pictures, magazine advertisements, and famous works of architecture. Special emphasis will be on works from under-representative groups, such as L.A. 's Chicano artists. Second, it will be low-tech, but high-resource. The archive should recreate as much of the artists skill and subtlety as possible, starting with the quality of scans.
- **Dawn Jacobs:** Ms. Jacobs wishes to obtain necessary equipment to videotape speeches in the public speaking classes. Self-evaluation and reflection are an integral part of the success of becoming a better speaker. As students build skills and abilities, the video speeches offer them the opportunity to use critical thinking in their own speeches, but to others as well.
- **Dr. Lee Grishman:** This proposal will offer diverse student population an opportunity to participate on a focus Northern institution university tour. Students will travel to Cal Poly SLO, CSU East Bay (formerly Hayward), the new UC Merced Campus, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, CSU Monterey Bay, SFSU, CSU Sacramento, CSU Chico, and UC Santa Cruz. Over 30 students are interested in participating on the focus tour.
- **Dorothy Williams and Audrey Moore:** This proposal will provide a pilot summer bridge academy for approximately 40 athletes and Special Program Students. The program will involve assessments of learning skills deficiencies followed by a series of targeted study skills workshops. The academy will work toward students becoming excited about coming to college, feel welcome, and to make them a part of "something bigger than themselves."
- **Mark Branner:** This proposal will support theatrical performances that celebrate cultural diversity. The Dragon Wakes performance is a collaborative creation that explores the rise of modern China. A second performance, Barumon, is a gigantic celebration of the circus arts (both east and west), requiring specialized training and supervision in trapeze, tightrope, and acrobatics. Mr. Zheng an international artist and artistic director from China will be invited to work with Theatre Arts faculty, in training student actors and dancers in the art of physical performance. Fifty performance tickets will be made available to students and instructional equipment will be purchased with grant funds.



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# ACADEMIC SENATE

## 2005-2006 Achievements

- Developed and disseminated the Faculty Handbook
- October 7<sup>th</sup> held first Senate Executive and Faculty Leadership Retreat
- October 14<sup>th</sup> coordinated and held a workshop with Strategic Planning and Budget Council on Student Learning Outcomes presented by Bonnie Sudermann, Assessment Coordinator, Bakersfield Community College
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> held the first Mutual Agreement Council meeting
- Developed Processes for Changing the Organizational Structure
- Identified revisions to Program Review
- Established a Program Discontinuance taskforce
- November 17<sup>th</sup> coordinated and held second workshop with Academic Policies and Procedures Committee on Program level Student Learning Outcomes presented by Bonnie Sudermann, Assessment Coordinator, Bakersfield Community College
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Senate Grant Program revised to incorporate Student Learning Outcomes.
- Senate Grant Subcommittee develops a new scoring method for the evaluation of faculty proposals.
- Determined to reevaluate Faculty Development needs.
- Proposed and established an Advisory Student Learning Outcomes Taskforce
- Developed a chair job description for Advisory Student Learning Outcomes Taskforce
- Currently revising the Senate Operating Procedures Handbook
- Audrey Moore and Dorothy Williams presenters at Statewide Senate Fall Plenary Session
- Audrey Moore and Dorothy Williams selected to serve on Statewide Senate committees: Counseling and Basic Skills
- Patricia Sandoval keynote speaker for Statewide Senate Fall Plenary Session
- Richard Manley nominated and selected as Area C Hayward Award Recipient
- Reviewed and approved twenty-two (22) equivalencies of academic disciplines during academic year
- Developed Student Learning Outcomes Taskforce and Chair descriptions
- Established Student Learning Outcomes Committee and Chair as a standing committee of the Senate
- Jackie Lott selected as Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award Nominee
- Established Distance Education Committee and Chair position as a standing committee of the Senate
- Revised the Adjunct Faculty Ranking Criteria
- Completed the revision of the Academic Senate Operating Procedures Handbook
- Reviewed and revised the Academic Senate Constitution for faculty consideration: Approval process to occur in Fall
- Developed the Academic Senate Organizational Chart
- Loren "Shorty" Shuck, Dr. Martha Wengert, Pat Hinds and Robert McMahan approved as Professor Emeritus
- Revised Honor Committee's Purpose Statement
- Revised Program Review Procedure and developed timelines
- Conducted a brief survey on Faculty Development: Academic Senate Executive and Faculty Union Executive to meet to develop a proposal based on faculty responses
- Developed and approved a Faculty Internship Program
- Developed and approved an Equivalency Committee
- Selection of 2005-2006 Outstanding Adjunct Member: Chris Hingley
- Selection of 2006-2007 Scholar of Residence: Dr. Magdalena Capriou
- Developed with MAC, and approved by Academic Senate, a Taskforce a Program Discontinuance Procedure
- Conducted a brief survey on ITS: presented to Academic Senate, MAC, and ITS
- Reviewed and recommended language for numerous board policies and administrative procedures throughout the year-long revision process
- Involvement in the development of the Accreditation Progress Report
- Approved eight (8) Senate Grant Proposals during the academic year.

