Members Present: Ignacio Alarcon, Blake Barron, Barbara Bell, Eric Borlaug, Susan Broderick, Dixie Budke, Cathie Carroll, Esther Frankel, Jack Friedlander, Tom Garey, David Gilbert, Kelly Lake, Ray Launier, Linda Lowell, Kathy Molloy (Chair), Kim Monda, Marcy Moore, Elida Moreno, Kathy O’Connor, Jan Schultz, Sheri Shields, Oscar Zavala

Member(s) Excused/Absent:
Guest(s): Tom Fitzgerald (student senate) Joey Large (The Channels)

1.0 Call to Order (3:00-3:05)
1.1 Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2007 (pgs 2-5)
The meeting Minutes for March 28, 2007 were approved with correction and without objection.

1.2 Approval of Agenda – so approved with added hearing/discussion items

2.0 Information (3:05-3:10)
2.1 Ms. Molloy announced the Coastal Commission had approved the parking plan for SOMA with, however, many additional requirements.

Although many conditions were added, the EVP explained the essential part of the approval did not require, nor did the Coastal Commission want, a parking structure. The Coastal Commission felt the SBCC ‘transportation master plan’ was adequate.

2.2 Ms. Molloy announced the DVD “Invisible Barriers” presentation by the Student Senate last year is now available by calling Ann Fryslie.

2.3 Ms. Molloy informed everyone that a proposed policy on residency for Degrees, Certificates and Skills Competency Awards would be on the next agenda.

2.4 The annual State Senate Spring Plenary will be held next week (4-18-21) and Ms. Molloy stated the issue of common assessment would be a major topic for the session.

2.5 Ms. Molloy requested that, with approval from the Senators, she would like to bring forward for discussion on the next Agenda a recommendation that the spring semester at SBCC begin on the Monday after the MLK holiday. This would be the default calendar and could be revisited for changes at any time.
2.6 The Academic Senate Committee chairs will be notified to submit their year-end reports by May 7, 2007.

2.7 Items to be discussed at next Steering: Setting a date for the Senate Summer Session date and the Senate Retreat.

3.0 Hearing/Discussion (3:10-4:30)
3.1 Recommendation for SLO Task Force
The task force has been scheduled to meet May 22-25 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Ms. Molloy announced that Kelly Lake, Ignacio Alarcon, Kim Monda, Jill Stein, Kathy O’Connor, Paul McGarry, Genny Anderson, and Student Trustee Jessica Schley would be on the SLO task force. Divisions that do not yet have representation are asked to seek volunteers.

3.2 Recommendation from AP regarding problems with district policies
Jack Friedlander reported that what came out of his meeting with Sue Ehrlich and Lana Rose was a greater understanding and clarification of what was being worked on and what still needed to be done. The EVP suggested that Sue Ehrlich be invited to the next Senate meeting to discuss the process used when new or revised policies are approved by the Board.

Request: A flowchart for all Board Policies is needed to show procedures and processes for new/revised policies.

Concerns were expressed about a new numbering system because many policies are cross listed/referenced

3.3 Recommendation from P and R regarding Foundation Priorities
M/S/C To move the recommendation from P and R regarding Foundation Priorities to Action (Launier/Frankel)

3.4 Recommendation from Student Senate regarding voting rights of student senators
Eric Borlaug, President of the Associated Students, would like to add a stipulation for the right to vote on Academic Senate committees: that a student be required to attend 3 consecutive previous meetings.

While the Senate respects the role of the students in the governance process, the role of the Academic Senate is to speak with a clear voice for the faculty’s position.

3.5 FRC recommendation for the Meardy Award
Pending Board approval Ms. Molloy announced that the Faculty Recognition Committee recommends Karolyn Hanna as their nominee for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Regional Faculty Member Award.
3.5 Proposed FSA revisions: Karolyn Hanna and Kathy O’Connor
Faculty Service Areas go into effect only when there are layoffs that need to occur: the requirement is meeting the minimum qualifications and teaching 9 units in a discipline within a period of six consecutive semesters. The list was updated to add new departments, department name changes, new or revised disciplines according to the state Academic Senate list.

The Senators were asked to review the list and notify Ms. Hanna or Senator O’Connor if they had any questions or change recommendations.

3.6 Distance Education Plan
Ms. Molloy reported that the Planning and Resources Committee would be reviewing the Distance Education Plan (handout) approved by COI and revised by ITC and CTL 3/2007. Note: the more generic term Distance Education was used.

3.7 PSS: One time funding requests
From the EVP: What the Foundation does not want is to be asked to support/raise funds for ongoing requests/operations.

The senators raised questions about the ESL and LRC proposals for Directed Learning Activities. DLA requires faculty/students to work/pay attention to what is measured: forces student to do the work to become an independent learner not a dependent learner. Suggestion: invite Jerry Pike and Paul McGarry to the next Senate meeting.

The Senate has already approved the ongoing funding requests. The Senate needs to discuss the one time requests for funding. The number one priority is Basic Skills – Student Success. President Romo has funds for Student Success.

Steering will be discussing the one time funding requests.

4.0 Action
4.1 Recommendation from P and R regarding Foundation Priorities
Senator Kim Monda handed out the proposed recommendation to the “Foundation Fundraising Priorities 2007-2010 (Draft)” and explained the reasoning behind the P and R request that there be a capital campaign for the Drama/Music renovation.

The EVP explained that once the Foundation received the priorities list they are able to then determine which of the priorities they would/could commit to and still be successful in meeting their goals.

M/S/C To approve/endorse the recommendation from P and R regarding Foundation Priorities (Frankel/Launier) Unanimous

5.0 Reports (4:30-5:00)
5.1 President’s Report
Ms. Molloy reported that she had asked the chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee to prepare the report (handout) on recent sabbatical leave funding. What is being proposed in negotiations is for the District to add $22,500 for next year and another $22,500 the following year ($45,000 over two years). The flaw is there is growth in the faculty obligation but not in the growth in the sabbatical funding. Ms. Molloy will ask John Romo to address this problem by establishing a formula to increase the sabbatical budget as the faculty increases.

Ms. Molloy announced that she will also request an additional 2 TLUs a semester added to the Academic Senate budget so that we can increase the Academic Senate committee chairs’ stipend to 1 TLU each.

John Romo has made the decision to not count the categorically funded EOPS position towards the FTF obligation. Future categorical positions will be ranked by the Senate and count towards the FTFO. Categorical vs ranking is the issue. The EVP intends to speak with the Chancellor’s Office on this issue and report back.

5.2 Liaison Reports
5.3 EVP Report

**6.0 Adjourn**