College Senate
October 25, 2007

MINUTES

John Christie, Chair; Ray Hughes, Margaret Wolf, Joan Egbertson, Steven Fagbemi, Ray Marafino, Emma Colon, , Terry DeVito,

Guests: Marisol Malave, Peter Wursthorn, Derek Maxfield Mary Ann Affleck Lorraine Lee (notetaker)

The minutes of September 25th were approved with one abstention

The approval of the agenda

Committee Reports:

Faculty Staff and Student Development Committee: Marisol Malave gave her report.

College Affairs Committee:
   There was no report given for the as there was no Chair present at the meeting.

IRMC Committee: No report was given for, as there was no Chairperson present.
   IT Issues: At the last meeting approximately ten IT concerns were raised and discussed. These concerns were forwarded to Roger Ferraro through Dean Primus. It was discussed that November’s meeting should be dedicated to the IT issues and that Roger Ferraro, Lester Primus and Dr. Woodland should be invited to attend the Senate Meeting.

Planning/Review Committee: Postponed
   No report was given from the as the Chairperson had a conflict with The Achieving the Dream Meeting.

Diversity Committee: No report was given from the as there was no Chairperson present.

Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee:
   The Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Academic Calendars were reviewed by the Senate Committee. Discussion ensued. Derek Maxfield confirmed that all specifications were met, i.e., classroom hours, etc. It was agreed that a Professional Day should be designated on the Spring 2009 calendar when the date is determined.

   Derek Maxfield reviewed the changes to the course outlines for MAT G096 (Prealgebra: Number Sense, Geometry and Introductory Algebra Combined) and MAT G139 (Introductory and Intermediate Algebra Combined). General discussion ensued. A motion was made to approve the course outlines. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.
Old Business
The question was raised as to whether Terry DeVito’s human resources concerns (e-mail responses, health benefits, payment on time, etc.) were going to be addressed as they were very good points. It was discussed that the best approach would be for John Christie to send out a call to gather everyone’s concerns, formulate a list of those concerns and then meet with the President. The President, in turn, would be asked to meet with the Director of Human Resources to obtain answers.

A discussion followed regarding the role of the Human Resources Consultant (Candy Phillips) in relation to upcoming Affirmative Action Training re: Search Committees.

New Business
John McNamara informed the Senate Committee that Paul Creech has been the faculty representative on the Foundation. Dawn Bunting and Derek Maxfield had expressed interest and were going to be recommended as alternates to Paul Creech. Dr. Fagbemi moved that Paul Creech be voted as representative and Dawn Bunting and Derek Maxfield be recommended as alternates. Ray Hughes seconded the motion. Concern was then expressed regarding the alternates and whether there was an election. It was believed that protocol would give the faculty the right to hold an in-house election. John will ask Frank Chiaramonte to amend “alternate” to “faculty members”. Dr. Fagbemi withdrew the motion; Ray Hughes also withdrew his motion.

Dr. Affleck briefly mentioned that some concerns had been expressed about the slowness of the bank of elevators. In talking to Dean Primus, Otis elevator is being consulted and a plan is being sketched out. It was felt that staggering the classes during critical hours might help the elevator overuse situation.

There was general consensus that the By-laws should be modified to allow the Senate Committee to meet more often and for emergency situations (weekends, faculty off schedules), rather than once a month as some situations have arisen with the Academic Dean wherein she needed to call the Senate together for discussion on important matters requiring a vote of the governing body.

A motion was made at 4 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be November 15th.

Respectfully submitted by L. Lee