COLLEGE SENATE

October 29, 2009

MINUTES

Senate Members Present: Leonel Carmona, Paul Whitehead, Terry Devito, Joan Egbertson, Carl Antonucci, Marie Basche, Joan Marchessault, Margaret Wolf, Jim Griffin, Waynette Arnum, Jim Plourd, John McNamara, John Christie (Chair)

Guests: Kathleen Snow, Calvin Woodland, Rita Kelly, Miah Lapierre-Dregor, Patrick Tucker, Maria Sparmer, Jackie Peters, Amy Meisterling, Rosemary Tyrrell, Paul Creech, Marilyn Goodman

Approval of Minutes of September, 2009 with corrections

Announcements:

• Junet Diaz Event was held with good turnout and discussion.
• Alturas Duo Concert to be held that evening and encourage everyone to attend.

HR Reorganization and Plan

• Introduction of Rita Kelley (new Affirmative Action Officer) by the President
• Rita Kelly advised that her role will be to address the Affirmative Action Plan to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.
• She will be having a series of workshops to correct deficiencies and develop new search committee guidelines with a more positive approach for effectiveness.
• Goals should be articulated and orientation of staff will be inclusive of concerns on campus.

Committee Reports –

CAP

• Academic Calendar. Discussion followed regarding the options for scheduling. One starting at 8AM and the other starting and 8:30AM. 8:00am starting time was approved.
• Introduction to Biology 105 sought to change the reading and writing prerequisite from “to eligibility for ENG 101 from Level II score on reading placement or successful completion of ENG 003, and Level II score on writing placement or successful completion of ENG 003, and Level II score on writing placement or successful completion of ENG 013.”
• Miah LaPierre-Dreger spoke on behalf of Business and Technology, Computer Information Systems & Computer Support Specialist, concerning the proposed recommendations. These recommendations were made in order to facilitate both formats of this degree: traditional on-campus format and 100% distance learning format. The Computer and Information Systems:
Web Publishing Option degree and certificate changes were reviewed and a motion to accept the changes was M/S/A. The Computer Support Specialist degree changes were reviewed and a motion to accept the changes was M/S/A.

Diversity Committee

- Issues need to be addressed
- Need to contact old and new members regarding job issues from lack of funds
- Need for faculty/student engagement
- Development of cultural calendar shows diversity in the classroom

College Affairs

- Committee met and discussed a few items. Additional information to follow.
- John Christie noted bathroom and other items to Dean Primus
- Importance for College Affairs to act and follow through with items of discussion
- Students and use of computers is essential for oversight.

Planning and Review

- Strategic Plan goals set up.
- Collecting information for 5 year report

Faculty Staff and Student Development

- Goals and meaningful changes to student data
- Transfer Task Force, November 9th

Meeting adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gaherty