COLLEGE SENATE
December 14, 2006
MINUTES

Members present: Margaret Wolf, Emma Colon-Panciera, Ray Marifino, Greg Kloten, Stephen Fagbemi, Leonel Carmona, Peter Wursthorn, John Christie, Joan Marchessault, Carl Antonucci

Guests: Patrick Tucker, Derek Maxfield

The agenda and minutes for the November 16, meeting were approved with corrections.

Announcements: Patrick Tucker was introduced as the new Registrar.

Committee Reports:

FSSD: Carl Antonucci, who was filling in for Marilyn Goodman, stated that they would like to make Professional Day a permanent part of the academic calendar. FFSD expressed that they would like to remove the Wellness Committee as part of their responsibility since there currently is no Wellness Committee. They also asked to remove from their responsibilities the review of policies in the student handbook since Dean Arrington has been performing this duty. The Senate advised FFSD that this responsibility be continued.

College Affairs: No report

Governance Review Committee: Ray Marafino and Stephen Fagbemi spoke for the committee, recommending two additions to the proposed Planning and Review Committee to be incorporated into the Governance System. A motion was made and approved for the incorporating into new by-laws, adoption of the Senate Standing Draft Proposal for the Planning and Review Committee with the following suggested changes:

Clarity needed to be made under Responsibilities #1, stating who is expected to maintain “continued dialogue”, also, #4 should indicate updates made to College Senate at least once a semester.

The Senate awaits a proposal for the make up and responsibilities for the Diversity Committee.

Information Resources Management (IRM C):
John Christie spoke briefly regarding wireless access, old computers and Luminus’ no confidence vote for CTDLC of which Marie Farrell will provide more information at a later date.
Curriculum & Academic Policy (CAP):

Computer and Information Systems - Program Revisions
An Approval Form for Programs was distributed regarding Computer and Information Systems. A discussion took place. The motion was made and approved to accept the program revisions to the Computer and Information Systems Degree.

“N” vs “W” Guideline Memo
There was discussion surrounding concerns with the CAP resolution concerning guidelines for N grade notation.

Resolution: This is to go to Chairs for departmental discussion.

Other CAP Business:
Leonel Carmona expressed concern about classes beginning after Labor Day because of labs. The changed number of required minutes will be met; however, a lab class will be missed.

The college senate has been informed of the concerns of math and science labs.

Old Business:
Building Security / Information sharing;
A consensus was reached that Management should have responded more expeditiously in regards to recent events at the college and informed faculty & staff sooner. It was suggested we, faculty and staff, should feel free to exercise 1st amendment rights without jeopardizing the reputation of the college.

New Business:
Parking Security:
Margaret Wolf informed us of confusion as to whether the 4th floor of the Talcott Street garage is being monitored. A car window was broken and she was informed several times by the security that monitors the garage that the 4th floor is not watched.

Resolution: Senate recommends all employees be granted parking space in the Morgan Street garage, and that a comparison be done between the costs of parking some on Talcott St and security costs verses all employees at Morgan Street. Also that contingency plans be in place for all security issues as they arise.

A motion was made that a contingency plan be drawn up to take care of any emergency that takes place. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted
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