Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
August 17, 2011


I. Call to order (Barry Gibson, FS President)
   • Dr. Carol Eaton, DSC President, stopped in to say hello and to thank the faculty for what we do for students.
   • Introduction of Officers
     Mitch Pietras, VP
     Andrea Reese, Treasurer/Webmaster
     Christel Saylor, Assistant Treasurer/Webmaster
     Douglas Giacobbe, Parliamentarian
     Rachel Owens, Secretary/Historian
   • New positions/title changes: the positions of Webmaster and Assistant Treasurer/Webmaster are new and appointed by
the FS president. According to Margaret Overbey, the bylaws allow these positions to be created.

- Committee Membership: a discussion page on Florida Online will be created, with a thread for each committee. If you want to serve on a committee or chair a committee, please indicate that in a comment on that committee’s discussion thread, within the next two weeks.

- Meetings (All at 1:30): Barry will look into the possibility of streaming these for off-campus faculty.

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II. Treasurer report (Andrea Reese, Treasurer/Webmaster)

- Awards: not given at the President’s Welcome earlier today, because we had no funds to provide awards with.

- Funds: two years ago the FS funds didn’t get used, so they were taken away. Last year, the FS funds were taken out of the budget. As of yesterday, we had no money. Today, Dennis Micare has agreed to replace the money from both two years ago and last year, so we have the money now to present the awards. We will figure out how and when to do this later in the year so it is done right.

- Dues: suggested dues are $10.00/year, which can be paid at the DSC Credit Union, or at any FS meeting. Dues support Faculty Senate’s social activities.

III. Old business

- Bylaws: There is a draft of the revision of bylaws on the Florida Online Faculty Senate site. These have never been brought to a vote. Everyone should read these and a vote to approve or not will be available on Florida Online.
• College Wide Promotion and Tenure Committee: we may need an election for new members for this committee; if so, that will be available through Florida Online as well.

• FS Portfolio Revision Subcommittee: this committee needs a new chair, as Michael Flota does not wish to chair again this year. If anyone would like to join the committee they are welcome. The documents are complete, and there is a PowerPoint that explains the process. Everyone should review these and we will have a vote in a couple of months.

• Health and Fitness Committee: there were problems with people (from branch campuses) getting their $120 for health club membership after they had applied for it, due to administrative changes. PJ Marek got hers in her 8/15 check, but others did not. If you applied for this benefit, you should get it, but if you have not already applied, it is too late. The benefit will not be renewed next year.

• Teri Myers suggested that now, with a new president in place, would be a good time to consider the status of Faculty Senate in terms of having our voice heard in planning and governance. She made a motion that we prepare a plan for a structure that would change the way our voice is heard to present to the president. The motion was seconded and carried in a vote after some discussion. A time limit of 60 days was discussed (by the October FS meeting). A committee will be formed to do this (thread on discussion board in Florida Online), and Teri has volunteered to chair it. Barry said that he had talked with Dr. Eaton, and she is very interested in governance and concerned that FS does not have a seat on the cabinet.

IV. Nova Southeastern (Susan Forbes): NSU has new offices, on Beville Rd. If you are thinking of working on an advanced degree, now is the time – there is still a 15% discount for DSC employees this year.
Also: Embry-Riddle is looking for certified instructors in math, science and TESOL, to teach as adjuncts online.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Owens, Faculty Senate Secretary