Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 11, 2011

Present: Jessica Kester, Richard Tamburro, Rebecca Block, Margaret Overbey, Natalie Weaver, Vickie Brown, Richard Doolin, Doug Giacobbe, Mitch Pietras, Andrea Reese, Rachel Owens, Barry Gibson

I. Voting procedures
   a. A discussion of voting procedures was held and those attending felt that when a vote is put to those attending a meeting, a majority should only count if it is a majority of those in the room, not a majority of those voting. For example, 10 yea and 2 nays in a room of 35 is not a majority. Not voting should be considered as a no vote.
   b. The group agreed that we would rather have 100% online voting, but the bylaws will have to be changed for this.

II. Treasurer report
    a. Our credit union account has $411.49. Suggested dues are $10/year.

III. Old business
    a. Bylaws: changes to the bylaws are posted online (in Florida Online) and are ready for a vote. This vote will be done online.
    b. Committees: committees and chairs for the current year are as follows:
       i. Bylaws: Margaret Overbey
       ii. College Connections/College Experience Day: Richard Tamburro
       iii. Social: Michelle Lee
       iv. Nominations and Awards: Christel Saylor
       v. Tenure and Promotion Revision: Eduardo Divo
       vi. Faculty Senate Status: Richard Tamburro
       vii. Healthy Environment/Health and Fitness: Paulette Marek
    c. Awards winners from last year have now received their plaques, and their names and pictures are posted in Bldg. 100 next to the faculty senate officers.
IV. New Business

a. The Deland Classic 5K race will be held on Saturday, 11/12/11 – the theme is “A Breath of Fresh Air.” It is a certified course but walkers are welcome. Teams from the college will be competing. Contact Paulette Marek for more information.

b. Counseling issues/behavior in the classroom: Mitch Pietras stated that these are really two different issues. Right now we only have one on-campus counselor (Carole Luby) for over 30,000 students. Right now the counseling department is screening referrals, and referring them outside of the college if ongoing counseling is needed. One private group is doing this for free for students, and one is charging on a sliding scale. Back-ups exist on campus for emergencies – call 3038 – these are SLS faculty and others.

c. Creation of a plagiarism/cheating database: Evan Rivers had proposed this, but there were concerns expressed about the legalities of this. The idea is to track students that are serial plagiarists. Margaret suggested that this could be done through the Ed Plan in Kaleidoscope, and the instructor could indicate that s/he had “spoken with the student about plagiarism concerns.” Then others can see if the student has been “spoken with” five or ten times, and a stronger case can be built if the student ends up at judicial affairs.

d. Closing of committees: The Library, Salary and Benefits, Communication, and Teaching and Learning committees have been closed. Teaching and Learning has been combined with the college-wide Teaching and Learning committee. The Healthy Environment and Health and Wellness committees have been combined into one.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Owens, Faculty Senate Secretary