Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
09/11/2008

Present: Sharon Tighe, Margaret Overbey, Mercedes Clement, Michelle Wallis, Vanessa Bouey, Gail Besaw, Gabi Booth, Nicholas Ruiz, Susan Pate, Pamela Thomason, Victor Pareja, Kristen Appleby, Shana Gartlan, Rick Godfrey, Jennifer Walsh, Denise Henson, Yvonne Giles, Michael Avery, Casey Blanton, Larry Pivec, Christel Saylor, Lynn Hertley, Ana Blaine, Heather McDonald, Karen Reilly, Debbie DiChiara, Carolyn West, Shawn Friend, Natalie Rooney, Elias Lorenzo, Jim Hyde, Barry Gibson, Rachel Owens

I. Call to order – Barry Gibson

II. Treasurer's report: Jim Hyde reported that for the last two years, we have been given a budget of $1,425. This year we have been given $875 in our Faculty Senate Budget account. This represents a reduction of $550 or 38% from last year. Our largest expense is for award plaques which was $665.10 last year.

We had no activity in the Credit Union account over the summer except for 12 cents in interest, which gives us a balance of $360.45.

We have received an additional $10 towards the "Faculty Senate Clock Tower Fund." This gives us a total of $85. Please continue to donate through the Daytona State Credit Union. The account number is 7805.

Please remember that yearly dues for Faculty Senate are $10. The dues are voluntary, but needed more than ever in the face of our budget cut. You may submit dues through the Credit Union.

III. Committee Reports:

a. Faculty Development - chair is John McNeely
b. Teaching and Learning - chair is Victor Pareja
c. College Connections (subcommittee to Teaching and Learning) - co-chairs are Richard Tamburro and Walter Saviuk
d. Nominations and Awards - chair is Sharon Tighe
e. Student Issues - chair is Mitch Pietras
f. Technology Committee - chair is Gabi Booth
g. Social Committee - chair is Kathleen Lazarus; she would welcome assistance as a co-chair (if anyone needs a position for their portfolio)
h. Salary and Benefits - co-chairs still TBD. The committee will look at equity or benefits issues, since we currently do not have input on salary issues.
i. Clean Air Committee - chair is Kathy Warren
j. Bylaws Committee - to be finalized within the next week

IV. Old business:

a. TRACS system - no one has tried it yet; everyone is encouraged to take a look at it (on class list in Falconnet)
b. Meeting times - those present voted to keep meetings on a monthly basis
c. Intellectual Freedom PowerPoint - Jim Hyde is getting training for using the new web platform and will get the presentation installed on the Faculty Senate website when he completes the training.
d. Portfolio letters for 2007-08 year - if you were an officer, on a committee, or volunteered at the 50th Anniversary celebration in November, see Barry after the meeting for your service letter for your portfolio.

V. New business:

a. Changing of grades - at least one incident has occurred where an administrator changed a student's grade without the knowledge of the instructor. This is not allowed and will be taken to the appropriate administrators.
b. Faculty Senate Logo - there are two designs for the new FS logo, and these will be sent out for an online vote. The designs are by Shawn Friend's husband.
c. The new Adjunct Representative for FS is Tom Swain. He will attend Planning Council, Teaching and Learning committee, and get involved with the other adjuncts.
d. FS President status - after discussion, it was moved and seconded to amend any and all necessary bylaws to allow for the current
president to remain in position for the following academic year when there are no nominees or volunteers for the position at the time nominations are taken. The motion will be voted on at the next FS meeting.

e. Planning Council vote status - after discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve election process for 2008-2009 planning council members carried out in August and to approve current members of planning council as elected in August, regardless of mistakes in nominating and election process. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Owens
Faculty Senate Secretary