Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
10/16/2008

Present: Jennifer Walsh, Susan Pate, Gabi Booth, Victor Pareja, Thaddeaus Mounkurai, Michael Flota, Job Clement, Nick Petropouleas, Denise Henson, Jennifer Maxwell, Kelvin Beadie, Nicholas Ruiz, Jim Hyde, Barry Gibson, Rachel Owens

I. Call to order – Barry Gibson

II. Treasurer's report: Jim Hyde reported that there have not been any transactions for this month, so our Faculty Senate Budget account stands at $875.00.

    One faculty member paid the voluntary $10.00 fee this month, giving us a balance of $370.45 in the Credit Union Account.

    We have received an additional $10 towards the "Faculty Senate Clock Tower Fund." This gives us a total of $95. 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. The Bylaws Committee has finalized work on the additions to the bylaws discussed at last month’s meeting. These will be put to the entire faculty for a vote via online voting.

b. Voting for the new Faculty Senate logo will be coming soon; please vote!

c. The Tenure and Promotion committee membership has not yet been restructured to reflect the new college organizational scheme. This will be done for next year’s election.

d. Jim Hyde reported that the Academic Freedom PowerPoint document has now been posted on the Faculty Senate website.

V. New business:

a. Faculty Guidelines – there is a set of Faculty Guidelines on the Intranet that is very out of date. They are 143 pages long. We need people to help suggest revisions to it. If no one volunteers, Frank and Barry will do it themselves! Please volunteer.

b. Amendment 8, November Elections – This amendment would allow the college board of trustees to request that the county council put forward a new county sales tax to be voted on in general election. This tax would go to the local community college only (i.e., Daytona State). This amendment would have to pass, and then both Volusia and Flagler counties would have to approve, for this to happen. It is worded so as not to reduce state funding to the college. Please express your opinion and vote on Nov. 4.

c. There is a problem with training of new faculty and adjuncts, who are supposed to begin teaching hybrid classes in January – there is no training for online instruction scheduled, or available online.
d. Faculty participation in Faculty Senate – there was a discussion about how to attract more faculty to senate meetings. Most colleges have elected representatives from all departments, and have set times where no classes are scheduled so that faculty can meet without teaching conflicts. Our current administration has turned down that option in the past. It was suggested that we investigate how other colleges involve their faculty. It is also a possibility that, with the change in class scheduling beginning in January, that Friday will be a good day to have meetings, as most faculty will only be teaching F2F classes Monday through Thursday. The Bylaws Committee is scheduled to discuss this at their next meeting, and will report back.

e. It was moved, seconded and approved that we make a formal request to reinstate release time for the Faculty Senate president.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Owens
Faculty Senate Secretary