Meeting opened and was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in 110/112.

Dr. Mike Flota, Acting President, began the session by asking for approval of the minutes from our last meeting, and a motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, and a unanimous vote was passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Vicki Brown, Treasurer, gave an update of our two accounts, with $536.84 in the credit union and $475.69 in the college account. She is available to take voluntary dues anytime. A motion was made to accept the report, it was seconded, and it was unanimously approved to accept the report as stated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PILOT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE: Dr. Rebecca Block provided an update on the Pilot, stating that it won’t continue next year because we can’t have two parallel systems, and it can’t be a fade-off because of an HR issue. So, she welcomes volunteers to help work on the plan for a transition over the summer. They will refine the language and vote on the proposal during fall to allow faculty a chance to vote on the new system. One significant addition to the Pilot system is that it will include the DOE requirements. A survey was sent out on FalconOnline, but only 29 responded. After revision, the new language will be put up for a vote, and then if approved, a second vote would be needed to determine when the change will take effect.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: If approved, will go with the proposed version up for vote today, and we will continue to work with Margaret Overby on suggestions, revisions, etc after it is in effect for one year. Changes will be made if needed.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE: Charlene Latimer discussed that she is pleased with the results from the survey that was sent out. They had over 100 faculty responses and 825 student responses in addition to administrative responses. This committee will continue to craft an academic integrity policy which will be taken to the Teaching and Learning Committee in the fall for approval. They will also follow up with Marketing to see how they can get this information out to the College Community.

TEACHING AND LEARNING: They are developing a community of practice, having had several presentations on emerging technology, collegial environment, student retention, etc. They want to continue these workshops next year. Dr. Carol Luby, who helped start this sub-committee, has taken this community of practice out into the community of the mental health professionals. They will be conducting in class observations next year with the Senior Professor Group helping out. They meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE: Dustin Weeks thanks everyone who served on the PC this year and who took the Strategic Planning Survey; our participation is valued. If interested, there will be openings for PC this year, so let him know. They will again send out an e-mail to solicit volunteers. If you have feedback on PC or the process, please let he or Nancy Morgan know.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Elections Update- Past President/Chair, Elections Committee: Barry Gibson updated faculty on the past election. He stated that sometimes tough things happen, but people stood up, and the right thing was done. He started receiving contacts about a breach of ethics, that folks were spoken to about how the votes were taken, yet the election wasn’t over. The right thing was done; the election was called, decertified, and redone. We now have three options for voting this time (online, in person, or via absentee ballot). Changes will be made. The officers and elections committee met to suggest changes for this election and future ones. We looked at Robert’s Rules of Order, and we need to have specific language in the By-laws about what can and can’t be done. People had access to the system, and we knew about it; some people with access used it. Some positives came out of this though, we have more names running for President than ever, which sparked some interest.

Update on the QEP: Dr. Max Nagiel has been updating constituency groups on the QEP plan. Beginning Fall term, to prep for the SACS visit, we will do some trainings so that anyone at the institution would be ready to discuss the QEP = SOAR – Students Optimizing Academic Resources. Now, it is a first year academy. They want to ensure the proposal is focused, manageable, and measurable. It currently is an action-based seminar- a one credit course to help student utilize the ACS, Writing Center, and Library. The target group is 1st time in College students who have a PERT score of 108 or less.

Update on Ad Hoc Continuing Contract Committee: representing Faculty Senate were Dr. Mike Flota, Doug Giacobbe, Dr. Alice Godby, and Dr. Shana Deyo. 4 other faculty also served as appointed by Dr. Vitale. This committee has advocated that we don’t reproduce new documentation to meet the post-award review criteria as outlined under the new legislation for continuing contract. Some evaluation measures are only appropriate to programs, and that is what we recommended in the language which will go to the board. We suggested adding language to the existing Faculty evaluations that we do with our Supervisors each year which would determine post-award review criteria. This proposed language will go through Cabinet a few times and then to the Board for approval.

CCSEE survey: received in FalconMail- link is active until May 15. Please do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Flota made a motion to appoint Ray Cornelius as VP for the meeting, it was seconded and voted in unanimously.

Continuing Contract Portfolio Committee: Maggie Karda requested that said committee be extended by one more seat so that there would be 13 delegates rather than 12 because there are some people not serving in their areas. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting concluded at 3:25 p.m. and unofficial questions/comments were addressed by the Officers. At the conclusion of the in person vote, all votes from all three methods will be tallied.

The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be scheduled during Fall Planning 2013 (TBD).

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