Mitch Pietras, Faculty Senate president called the meeting to order. All were welcomed and Adobe Connect was on for connection to other campuses.

The minutes of the October 2012 meeting were approved with Karen Endebrock providing the motion and Kathleen Lazarus the 2nd. Vickie Brown gave the treasurer’s report.

Dr. Michael Vitale was introduced and spoke first about the entrepreneurial series sponsored by Gale Lemerand which will be held on 11/15/12 and starts at 5:45. Jean Newell who invented personal utility punches (PUPS) will speak. He encouraged faculty to make sure students are aware as it can help students know that you can be successful if you go out and apply yourself along with a good work ethic which allows them to be successful. For years, Dr. Vitale talked with Ned Harper about the timing of the program as it was difficult to get students there because of overlap with classes. Dr. Vitale was at a function for The Center for Women and Men and happened to speak with a lady who turned out to be the fiancé of Gale Lemerand. They discussed the issue and she said she would take care of getting the time changed.

Dr. Vitale talked with Gale Lemerand who wants more of panel discussion at the series. Dr. Vitale wants faculty to think about students who have become successful for possible speakers. He gave an example about how got an email from a chairperson (who is always selling his program) regarding a previous student who now has an International Wedding Photo Company. The series would be more meaningful to our students to hear from others who have walked the same walk. Mike Curb will be the speaker in the spring series in early February.

Dr. Vitale next addressed the statutory changes in the general education requirements. Bill Proctor is the author of the bill that passed to reduce gen education to 30 hrs. Of the 30, 15 would be common throughout Florida with a maximum of 5 courses in each core. A steering Committee with 6 members for each core discipline has been formed with institutions represented by size – small, medium, and large. Dr. Vitale is an alternate for the natural sciences area. Each institution submitted names for representation. Dr. Casey Blanton is chairing the general education committee at DSC. The first meeting was 10/25/12. This would be effective in Fall, 2014.

Dr. Vitale addressed the continuing contract issue. The Council of Presidents met and Dr. Eaton was there. Something is coming out next week regarding this. The misconception is that once you get tenure you have it until you drop dead.

Regarding the discussions about IT and technology, Dr. Vitale said the Teaching & Learning Committee had a special meeting after the Faculty Senate’s special meeting. Dr. Vitale has made the recommendation for an advisory committee with faculty appointed by Dr. Vitale and
one representative from Faculty Senate. Hopefully Rob Saum will be involved. The purpose of the committee is to advise Roberto Lombardo and Dr. Vitale on technical issues and Dr. Vitale said he will not put in place a 'stupid' idea. Dr. Vitale wants a representative beta testing. He met with the president of D2L who explained what is needed is to link student/instant outcomes and at the time said would be available by Fall 11 / Spring 12.

Dr. Vitale explained that yesterday at the T & L meeting the idea was suggested that the need is to offer an online course with access to be able to test it with students. Dr. Vitale is developing a position of Chair for Online Studies who would report to Dr. Vitale. The person will have teaching responsibilities and serve as conduit for faculty and will have oversight and will want input from faculty. The chair will have a lot of conversations with Rob Saum. There are still a lot of details to be worked out including the job description and then going through the selection process. Kathleen Lazarus and Casey Blanton were the first to offer online courses. DSC needs to get back to looking at quality of online courses. Quality Matters was presented at T & L meeting. We need to make sure online courses are being evaluated.

It was pointed out that Mitch Pietras presented at the T&L meeting the list of concerns /solutions gathered at the special Faculty Senate meeting. He expressed concern that there are too many committees for this issue and that not one person on the list of names that Dr. Vitale had submitted for the committee has been to a FS meeting.

Dr. Vitale explained that technology needs to be there for what faculty want, not dictate what they do. Faculty will be able to propose what they need from IT. Eric Breitenbach expressed that what we have now is stupid. The hierarchy needs to be inverted and faculty needs to be able to tell IT what is needed and they should make it happen.

Mitch Pietras mentioned that he has contacted other colleges regarding their structure with academics and technology. Currently at DSC no policies or procedures are in place with FL Online.

Dr. Vitale spoke about the classroom of the future. How will students of tomorrow learn? He wants faculty to give him advice.

Mitch Pietras and Dr. Vitale will meet 1 time each month to discuss any issues relating to faculty.

Len asked about any possibility of SPD funds being available. Dr. Vitale said there is no money in the budget-sorry to say. He had to tell faculty in cosmetology for example that some cost centers are tied to courses with lab fees which is money for educational purposes. Maybe reallocating money used for advanced degrees.
Sarah Desormeaux thanked all faculty who participated in the reorganization survey. Will have open meeting 11/14/3-4 and will review results and work on first draft.

Dr. Mike Flota spoke regarding the process for continuing contract. Those in the pilot (there are 13 people) are meeting with their committee and making sure they are meeting benchmarks. Pilots want to make sure that their 3 committee members will vote yes. Dr. Flota reported that committee meetings are effective and have been self-affirming and have been described as fun. The committee will wrap-up in March 2013 and will bring report to Faculty Senate in April 2013.

Due Dates: Nov. 16th and Nov. 30 – application

A small group called EXCITE was formed and started meeting in spring 2012 with 13 members. The purpose is to study new instructional technology. Building 310, ITS room will be designed to show a prototype classroom sometime in spring or fall of 2013.

Charlene Latimer reported on elections for the 2013 Tenure/ Promotion Committee:
Education – Rick Godfrey
Arts / Math / Sciences – Jane Rosati
Business – Steve Smith
Communications - Maggie Karda
Health - Mary Beth Craig-Oakley
Student Life – Heather McGrane
Faculty at Large-Gary Monroe

Alice Godbey of the Senior Professor Committee will develop bios for the meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

Hector Valle, of the Career Employees Assoc. has asked for participation in the Food Drive.

Mitch Pietras explained that the Cabinet has approved the smoking policy which is that a person may smoke 50 feet from any building. August 15, 2013 will be the policy implementation. It needs a motion to approve to move forward to Cabinet.

Doug Peterson expressed that due to structured nature of DSC organization he would make recommendation that Mitch Pietras needs to have access to the meeting when the chairs meet.

There was discussion about the IT issue. Ron Morrison asked what would be the hierarchy of authority be as it affects online delivery. Kathleen Lazarus said Eric stated best what faculty are thinking.

Doug Giacobbe recommended that Faculty Senate move forward with the current resolution and that Mitch Pietras present to the Cabinet what was decided upon without changes. Joann Pinkston provided the 2nd. Motion passed with 1 opposing.
Mike Flota asked do we think that what Dr. Vitale proposed will best represent faculty. Doug Giacobbe said that we don’t know but we must move forward.

Mitch Pietras said he doesn’t think Dr. Eaton knows what the faculty is thinking and that these are important times for faculty.

Hector Valle was asked to give his opinion on the IT issue as that is his field. He said he understands the concerns.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Vickie Brown, Faculty Senate Treasurer.