

Faculty Senate Minutes: 3/11/11

I. Meeting called to order by Rich Grego at 1:00.

II. Approved minutes from Feb. 11 meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Andrea Reese announced that we have approximately \$350.00.

V. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws: Margaret Overbey shared a draft of the revisions proposed by the Bylaws Committee, which include (but are not limited to) specifying term limits for officers to 12-24 months; those eligible must be tenured by election; recommendation that Historian should maintain website.

B. Salary & Benefits: No report.

C. Social Committee: Kathleen Lazarus reported that the committee is planning several events, including a ballroom dance at City Island in Daytona Beach. Sign-up and other information would be available by the 23rd. Faculty are encouraged to send further ideas to Kathleen Lazarus and / or Michelle Lee.

D. Health / Fitness: Rich Grego read an announcement from Paulette Marek of a focus group to form in order to promote a no-smoking policy at the College, and that a meeting regarding this is scheduled for April 7 at 3:00 in 500/228 on the Daytona campus.

E. Healthy Environment: No report.

F. Communication Committee: No report.

G. Tenure and Promotion: Michael Flota gave an update on the progress of proposing to replace the current portfolio system with a more streamlined eight-step process, which is planned to be presented to Faculty Senate at the April meeting so that faculty would be prepared to vote on it in May.

H. Library Committee: No report.

III. New Business

- A. Rich Grego congratulated Barry Gibson on his election to office of president of next year's Faculty Senate.
- B. Rich Grego announced the name of those newly elected to Planning Council:
Joanne Pinkston-McDuffie, Kathleen Lazarus, Ted Wygant, Nancy Duke, Andrea Reese, Amy Szoka, Jennifer Walsh, Jeff Zahnen
- C. Mitch Pietras offered congratulations to Shana Gartland and Theresa Moore on the births of their children last Monday and Saturday, respectively.
- D. Rich Grego gave an update on the College's presidential search: Although no names have been released, the search committee will continue to screen applicants; a new president should be named by June 25.
- E. Major outcomes of the Board meeting on 3/10/11.
 - 1. The College's current nepotism policy will be done away with.
 - 2. The College anticipates a budget shortfall of \$10.4 million, thus the College plans to
 - a. suspend SPD funds for next year.
 - b. not fill non-teaching vacancies.
 - c. limit new hires.
 - d. issue new restrictions on students' financial aid.
 - e. eliminate some copy printers on campus.
 - f. withhold a \$2000 one-time bonus requested by faculty and staff.
 - 3. Rich Grego reiterated to the board that if funds for bonuses do become available that they be issued to lowest-paying faculty first.
 - 4. Jennifer Walsh quoted Frank Lombardo as saying that "if any money was left over by June, there may still be raises."
- F. Andrea Reese reminded faculty to attend the Third Annual Academic Excellence Symposium on April 29 and encouraged faculty to sign-up online.
- G. Rob Saum gave an update on e-text / e-mail.
 - 1. The e-text initiative will be "slowed down" to include more faculty involvement.
 - 2. Plans may be in effect to possibly integrate Falconmail into D2L.
 - 3. The College is looking at other systems, such as G-Mail and Microsoft Live.