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.