FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

3/4/14

1. Meeting called to order: 3p.m. sharp.
2. Roll Call: Indicated the School of Photography as well as the Palm Coast Regional Campus were not represented.
3. Public Comments: Dr. Eaton addressed the assembly with an update concerning the variables added to the ‘performance funding package’ provided by Tallahassee. Two new variables have been added, Retention and Cost of Instruction. The conversation concerning both of these variables will be ongoing but for now it is important that we all know RETENTION issues must be addressed and we as a College must work to graduate more students. So far as Cost of Instruction goes, no specifics were offered other than 3,000,000 USD must be saved this fiscal year and the supplemental pay cuts have been very helpful so far but there is still a long way to go before the full 3 million can be saved. Additionally it has been mentioned that faculty have already made a significant contribution to saving the money and can expect NO FURTHER pay reductions.
4. Approval of past minutes: February Minutes were roundly approved.
5. Guest Speakers: No guest speakers stepped up so the Faculty Senate President asked that all committee updates be limited to 5 minutes. Also, the president asked for agenda flexibility to insure ample time to address the most important agenda issues. Also, the president mentioned an amended motion form (can be found on the website) has been voted in and adopted.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer reports no change in the Faculty Senate finances from the February meeting.
7. Unfinished Business: Motion has been made and approved to set dates for award nominations from April 1 to April 18. The voting dates for award winners has been set and voted on spans April 25 to May 9.
8. Reports by Standing Committees:
   A. By Laws- revisions to be delivered at the April Meeting.
B. Nominations and Awards- no new motions to be accepted for up and coming ceremony.

C. Teaching and Learning- Seminar on Budget & Spending for faculty and students will soon be announced.

9. Reports Ad Hoc Committees:

   A. Faculty Senate Advocacy- R. Tamburo reports Academic freedom draft has been worked on and more procedures are being compiled with an eye toward instructional methodology within the pedagogy that works off the "Valencia Model" as a template. The policy works toward allowing flexibility within an existing policy that reflects one size fits all college policy. R.T. added that more information will be forthcoming.

   B. College Connections- 8 events have been scheduled for the Spring of 14 but specific information will be made available at a later date.

   C. Mentor Model Transition- Faculty has been encouraged to complete all paper work on time. A larger college wide committee is in the works to accommodate all of the applications that are expected.

   D. Social Committee- Suggestions gathering ideas for more social events have been solicited. Inquiries have been made concerning ticket donations from Jackie Robinson Park.

10. Report from Faculty Senate President:

   A. Mentor Model has been approved by the board and the promotion procedure is now official. That said, the Mentor Model can be tweaked in future times to reflect any needed improvements to facilitate efficiency.

   B. A proposal to the A.V.P. has been forwarded that asks department chairs to clarify definitions concerning promotion categories.

   C. Emeritus Status will be delivered at the April meeting.

   D. E.R.P. – Concerns have been asked for from the faculty so R. Vollaro can report faculty needs to the Administration so the system can work for us.

   E. Retention has been tied to academic freedom. The faculty senate president has asked for ideas concerning what freedoms we need to retain students. He will then take this information to the next level of administration.
F. An informal gathering at the ALE HOUSE has been announced so we of the faculty senate can converse in an informal and fun environment.

10 New Business:

A. Constitutional Interpretation Committee made a move to form a standing committee that will review all disputes concerning By laws that govern the senate body. The new committee, if formed, would be granted full power to review and recommend binding decisions on any given dispute until the next F.S. meeting. After much debate the C.I.C. motion proposed by M. Flota was put to roll call vote and was defeated by a 12 to 14 count. Results of each voting senator have been posted on the F.S. Web page.

B. motion has been made (and accepted) to allow chairpersons and administrators to sit on the Mentor Model Committee of 3 for the first 2 years of transition (14-15 and 15-16) until the mentor model gets fully underway.

C. No feed-back was delivered concerning proposal 7.10

D. Motion passed to initiate smart station upgrades on all campuses.

E. Motion passed to change status of Faculty Senate Planning Committee.

F. Motion passed to make new faculty eligible for awards.

G. Motion made to approve new Nominations and Awards forms.

Updates and Announcements:

A. Professional Development reports scholarships are available to faculty who want to attend A.S.C. professional development opportunity.

B. Eval. Review Committee asks that we discuss standardization of promotion terms and definitions for next meeting.

C. Supplemental Pay Committee- the document detailing supplemental pay has been board approved and is now policy. The full time summer rate is contingent on 6 credit hours and 4 office hours per week.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 P.M.