Faculty Senate Meeting: 10/08/10

I. Meeting called to order by Ericka Blanken at 1:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2010

III. Treasurer Report: Andrea Reese reminded members to pay $10.00 dues. Budget is 100%; we have $306.00 in the account.

IV. Committee Reports
   A. By-Laws: no report
   B. Salary and Benefits: no report
   C. Social: no report
   D. Health and Fitness: no report
   E. Healthy Environment: Crystal Saylor announced that her committee will create a survey about how the faculty / campus feels about smoking, as part of its “No Butts” grant. Look for the e-mail in approximately three weeks.
   F. Communication: Forming a sub-committee to review goals; will report at next meeting.
   G. Tenure and Promotion Overhaul: no report

V. Old Business: none

VI. New Business
   A. Richard Grego introduced Jessica Kester, vice president, and Frank Gunshanan, secretary.
   B. New College-wide Tenure and Promotion Committee named: Casey Blanton, Christine Hastie, Thaddeus Mounkurai, Timothy Pintello, Geraldine Rimstidt, and Jeff Zahnen.
   C. Proposal: Len Lempel proposed a draft addressing the current controversy between Dr. Sharples and the Board: “We the faculty of Daytona State College are concerned that disagreements between President Sharples and members of the Board of Trustees run counter to the best interests of DSC. We urge both the President and the Board to resolve these differences so that there is no further disruption in the functioning of the College or damage done to the College’s reputation. The faculty also wishes to reaffirm its confidence in Dr. Sharples. Under his leadership, the College has grown in stature and maintained financial stability.” The proposal was passed, with seventy-seven votes in favor, three against, and nine abstentions.

   The senate also approved two resolutions: that this proposal would be presented by Richard Grego or his designee to Dr. Sharples and the board at their next meeting on October 21; a letter affirming that this faculty senate meeting was “faculty-initiated” would be sent to Christina Frederick-Recascino and those she cc’d in her e-mail of October 7, 2010, in which she expressed concerns that the emergency meeting was “a result of various levels of administrative pressure from the College.”
D. A third point of Lempel’s proposal, which reminds the board that “its role is to provide direction and not to manage or interfere with the day-to-day operations of the college” failed. However, it was suggested that this point be revisited at a later meeting. In the meantime, a link to the SACS website would be sent to faculty so they could review the roles of the board and faculty senate.