SENATE FACULTY MINUTES

November 5, 2013

1. Meeting called to order at 3PM sharp.

2. V.P. Andrea Reese called roll. All senators or alternates present save for those from the ATC. It must be noted one representative from the school of Humanities and Communications was not present nor was the alternate.


5. Guest Speakers: Casey Blanton and Alice Godbey delivered information concerning a Professor Emeritus program that highlighted the need for an active F.S. Senator to sponsor the program and take proposals to Senate for vote. The presentation mentioned that a draft of the new program model is in an advanced state of draft and is need for volunteers to deliver feedback so the draft can be finalized and enacted in time for the Spring ’14 Awards Ceremony.


7. Unfinished Business: New Employee Evaluation Form (revised) has been submitted for vote. Raymond Cornelius reported on and discussed the new edition of the form with passionate detail. Questions concerning the current document were fielded so the document could be sent to HR and ratified into policy. Motion to approve the current draft indicated a yes vote.

8. Reports By Standing Committees: Nominations and Awards- Voting procedure outlined and a call was made for any volunteers interested in serving on the committee. Teaching & Learning- A Call was made for people to volunteer for the committee and a call was made to the Faculty Senate Members to comment (using the website) on the committee initiatives.

9. Ad Hoc Committees: FSAC- Richard Tamburro discussed the effect of mentor model promotion impacted the initiative to draft an academic freedom as related to pedagogy document. Mentor Model C&P Committee to be dissolved and reformed under another name. Participants from the faculty senate were urged to volunteer. FS and Outreach- An award for Faculty Senate was mentioned but no definite points were made.

10. Faculty Senate Presidential Report: Job search for Academic V.P. has been announced and faculty senate has been invited to help generate interview questions. Donations and volunteers were called for to help enact an upcoming charity opportunity. Senators were urged to garner support from constituents for donations to fill a basket that can be raffled with the proceeds equally distributed between three yet unnamed recipients from the community. Ray Cornelius has been named as chair of the Adjunct Advocacy Committee which is a standing committee that has been approved by the senate.
11. New Business: Mentor Model Committee to be rebranded as Transition Committee. Rebecca Block has been approved as chair of the Transition Committee. The New Evaluation Form Committee has requested a discussion board for general collaboration from the Faculty Senate. Motion to add category of ‘Professor Emeritus’ to Nomination and Awards Committee agenda passed easily. A motion was accepted to establish ad hoc committee to establish standards for the ‘satisfactory’ designation box on new evaluation forms. Motion was made and accepted to create ad hoc advocacy committee. Clarification concerning policy for absences from faculty senate meetings has been designated as new business for next meeting.

12. Updates and Announcements: Supplemental Pay Committee reported a budget short fall of 1.5 million would be made up by adjusting online and summer contract pay by rescaling remuneration by small degrees. Summer pay scales have been recalculated based on instructor rank and credit hour. Pay cuts for summer have been balanced by reduced office hours for the 6 week summer contract instructors. For the summer class size has been adjusted to reflect full pay regardless of class size provided the class makes but large class bonuses will still be paid.

Meeting adjourned 4:45PM