

## Faculty Senate Minutes: 1/5/11

I. Meeting was called to order by Richard Grego at 11:00

II. Minutes from 12/13/10 meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer Report: Andrea Reese announced that we still have approximately \$306.34 in the credit union account and that she is happily accepting dues of \$10.00 or more.

### IV. Committee Reports

A. By-Laws: No report

B. Salary and Benefits: No report

C. Health and Fitness

1. The YMCA offers DSC employees a ten percent discount on membership with proof of employment verification.
2. A 5K run is being planned for the spring.

D. Communications

1. Tara Koosak announced that she would like to change meeting times for this committee. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail her at [Koosakt@daytonastate.edu](mailto:Koosakt@daytonastate.edu) for your time preferences.
2. Shana Gartlan reported on plans for one (centralized) e-mail system to facilitate communication among students and may include an online first-year orientation. Gartlan solicited ideas from the faculty at large. Contact her at [Gartlans@daytonastate.edu](mailto:Gartlans@daytonastate.edu).

E. Healthy Environment (Smoking Survey)

1. 1000 responses were collected from the smoking survey; 56% of which were from students. Chystal Saylor thanked faculty for encouraging students to participate.
2. Results indicate that of the three choices listed on the survey, designating smoking areas (as opposed to banning tobacco use entirely and / or “no change”) was the most popular.
3. Another survey will be run in the spring.

F. Social: Michelle Lee reported on plans for happy hour(s) in the spring.

### V. New Business

A. Next Election for Faculty Senate

1. Rich Grego announced that the current vice president will not run for Faculty Senate.

2. Grego announced that he plans to run for re-election, citing:

a. “a narrow window of opportunity for positive change” due to the current search for college president.

b. his “close working relationship with the board.”

c. “I can better benefit the faculty to carry through projects begun this year with the new administration.”

#### B. E-Text Initiative

1. Rob Saum informed us that “E-Text is coming in the fall, and it will be piloted this summer.

2. Two informative sessions on E-Text Initiative are planned for 1/6/11 at 11:00 and 2:00, respectively, in the Faculty Innovation Center, located on the second floor of the library. For more information, contact Ben Graydon ([graydob@daytonastate.edu](mailto:graydob@daytonastate.edu)), Doug Giacobe ([Giacobd@daytonastate.edu](mailto:Giacobd@daytonastate.edu)) or Saum ([SaumR@daytonastate.edu](mailto:SaumR@daytonastate.edu)).

#### C. Writing Center Developments

1. Rebecca Block announced an opportunity for faculty to earn professional development for volunteering three hours a week at the Writing Center. (A short training session is required.) In particular, Block called for non-English faculty to volunteer in order to better assist students with writing across the curriculum.

2. Students on branch campuses may access the Daytona campus’s Writing Center via their ASC. If technical difficulties prohibit this, Block made assurances that students can set up phone conferences instead.

3. Block encouraged faculty to attend the “Writing at Daytona State College” on Friday, January 7 from 2:00-3:30.

#### D. Union Prospects

1. Teri Myers has begun research and reported that those interested in joining a fact-finding committee to continue should contact her.

2. Myers provided background information on PERC (Public Employees Relations Commission) and stated 60% of the voting faculty would be needed if we would like them to help establish a union at DSC. Union dues would come from 1% of each faculty member’s total salary.

3. PERC provides faculty with legal representation (“up to one million dollars”), as well as oversight on issues ranging from (but not limited to) salary / raises, benefits, leave time, class size, and equity (for example, the starting salaries of new PhD’s).

#### E. Presidential Search

1. Grego announced the names of those on the search committee: T.K. Weatherall, Richard Grego, Noah McKinnon, Gabbi Booth, Nicole Brown, Job Clement, Shana Gartlan, Sally Gillespie, Mary Goettman, Yvonne Green, Laurie Lemoyne, Dwight Lewis, Vicki Melton, Richard Pastan, Anindya Paul, Harun Thomas, Janet Sledge, Hector Valle, and Corey Walker

2. According to Grego, “We need to keep apprised of the goings-on of the search committee so we are as involved as much as possible. We need to articulate what we want in a president . . . If we don’t take a firm stand on what we want now, we won’t even be on the record. It is exceptionally important to articulate our vision.”

3. Toward this end, Grego proposed re-sending the manifesto sent out to faculty before the holiday break, as well as to continue to collect e-mails sent personally to him by faculty members who were hesitant about sharing their views in public. In addition, a discussion board, in which faculty could comment in depth on several key issues, was planned.