



Faculty Senate

Minutes – February 17, 2017

MLC- Room 643

12:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY: President Tiffany Cox, called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

NOTE TAKER: Barbara Knotts, Senate Secretary

Members Absent: L. Black, V. Castillo, J. Moreno, Patricia Portales, L. Rodriguez, R. Watson and Tom Cox (excused)

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Senator Hunt and seconded by Senator Staggs to accept the January 20, 2017 minutes. The minutes were accepted and approved.

C. Reports of Officers

- President Tiffany Faculty Senate President greeted and welcomed our newest senator, Robyn McGilloway who replaces Senator Mike Settles.
- President Tiffany Cox announced that Faculty Senate elections will take place in April. We will use the new process for electing officers from the current senators. She also gave an overview of the roles and duties of the president, vice president, and secretary. She encouraged any senator interested in learning more about the role of senate president to shadow her. President Cox summarized her discussion with Dr. Leslie regarding the letter written by our senate voicing our concern about SACS/COC findings. The conclusion was that Dr. Leslie believes that the new branding will meet SACS/COC requirements. A district-wide faculty development ad hoc committee is working on get information from faculty as to what they would like the faculty development to look like. Their findings will be given to the EFC.
- Tammy Perez-Vice President discussed the Faculty Roundtable format. She recommended we wait until we have the results from the Faculty Survey before we move forward with planning the event. In the meantime, we need a small taskforce to arrange the logistics of the meeting. Senators Zottarelli, Levy, Martin and Anderson volunteered to work with Senator Perez on this project.
- Barbara Knotts- Secretary reminded senators to sign in on the attendance sheets and to please notify the senate president of your committee meeting date.
- Amanda Martin - Adjunct Faculty Council reported nominations are now open for adjunct excellent awards. She can be contacted for applications. The Election and Survey committee, Senator Zottarelli, and Dr. Frank Solis will assist the adjunct faculty council with restructuring their survey for resubmission to its faculty. The goal is to get a larger sample of responses from the adjunct faculty. Two adjunct faculty has shown an interest in joining the Faculty Senate, she will check on their status.

D. SACS/COC update

- Senator Lisa Zottarelli – She reported that a letter was submitted to SAC/COC's Board of Trustees to request that the college be reviewed in June. If the request is approved, then our document will be due April 3rd.

E. Standing Committees

- Communication – Senator Tom Cox: President Tiffany Cox reminded senators to make sure they send their bio and picture to Tom Cox for the website.
- Curriculum & Instruction – Senator Mike Burton: Announced that the Faculty Survey was ready to be distributed. He will work with the Elections and Surveys to send it out.
- Policy & Procedures – Senator Jeff Hunt: Last semester a district-wide committee provided the district's lawyer a list of areas and buildings where guns should be restricted on campuses. As of today, no updates has been provided.
- Research – Senator Kim Hochmeister: Presented an overview of the items listed on the CIP bond. Some of the projects include a new child care center as part of a new parking garage, additional floors added to the Fletcher Building and improvement to the classrooms in the McAllister Building.
- Elections & Surveys – Senator Sean Duffy: It was mention that it might be a conflict of interest for the chairs to serve on the promotions and appeals committee. It was suggested that the Policy and Procedures committee should look into this issue and the tenure determination.

F. Other Business/Announcements

- Dr. Frank Solis will be asked to attend the next Faculty Senate to give an overview of the assessment evaluation progress.

G. Executive session

H. Adjournment - 3:10 pm.

Next Faculty Meeting: April 21, 2017 - MLC Room 643 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Refreshments for April's Meeting: Senators Portales & McGilloway

Board of Trustees Standing Committee Meeting- April 11, 2017 – Senators Hochmeister & Aguilar
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting- April 18, 2017 – Senators Staggs, Hunt & Duffy