

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Thursday August 14, 2008
Omni, North Campus, 11 a.m.**

Faculty Senate Attendance:

Senators: (as signed in)

Visitors: (as signed in)

01. **Call to Order.** President Catherine Leisek called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.
02. **Approval of the Agenda.** The motion was made by Rosa Gaskins and seconded by Teresa Hodge. The motion passed.
03. **Approval of the Minutes.** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 2008 meeting by Damon Davis and seconded by Maria Bernal-Dobek. The motion passed.
04. **Old Business**

Senate President's Report — Catherine Leisek

Catherine Leisek welcomed everyone to the first meeting for the 2008-2009 academic year, which marked the 30th Anniversary of the Broward College Faculty Senate. She stated that she was happy to be working closely with our new Academic Vice President, Dr. Judith Scherer, and she expects an exciting and busy year for the Senate with lots of new initiatives.

President Leisek announced that the Emeritus Policy was passed by the Board. It is now policy 6Hx2-3.41 and is available online

<http://www.broward.edu/PolicyAndProcedure/PolicyAndProcedure/SupportingContent/pol341.pdf>

President Leisek listed many ongoing and new topics which will be discussed at Senate this year. Among them will be: CPT testing, the K-20 initiative, Broward County teacher education, budget cuts, SACS learning outcomes assessment, promoting excellence in higher education, improving retention rates, legislative lobbying and SACS re-accreditation.

This year will be dedicated to the memory of Professor Debbie Nycz and all that she did to help make Broward College the outstanding institution it is. Senators may find themselves asking ourselves asking W.W.D.D. (What Would Debbie Do)?

.05 New Business

A. Guest Speaker – Maureen Dinnen.

Maureen Dinnen was introduced to those who may not have had the pleasure of working with her during her twenty-one years as a BC faculty member. Currently Vice-Chair of Broward Schools, Maureen was BC Senate President for two years, President of the United Faculty of Florida for two years and was instrumental in the merger of the AFT-affiliated Florida Education Association/United and its state NEA counterpart into the Florida Education Association; subsequently she became its founding President.

Former President Dinnen recalled that Debbie Nycz was the one who started her interest in politics. Her sister, Kate Dinnen, had served Broward College as Academic Dean. She recalled Broward College's start as a division of the School Board of Broward County when it was based in the Navy Barracks at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Broward College became its own entity in 1968, during a time of political turmoil when K-12 teachers took part in a state-wide walk-out of the classroom. At that time, as a member of the Broward Chapter of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors), she helped write the Senate Constitution at the same time College Vice President Clinton Hamilton wrote his own version. Her document won a 73% approval from the faculty. At that time there were only 3 college cabinet committees so the Senate set up duplicate faculty committees. Eventually Dr. Hamilton merged the duplicate committees.

President Dinnen listed some of Broward Public Schools' achievements, becoming not only the fifth largest school system in the United States, but produced the largest number of newly certified teachers in the nation. Broward Schools has had a long history of successful cooperation with Broward College, most notably the Dual Enrollment Program which has now morphed into the College Academy. This year the Academy received 800 applications for only 175 spots. The new 11th grade testing program as well as teacher certification will be among the initiatives that will involve input from Broward College.

Ms. Dinnen stressed to the audience how important the Senate is to a college and wished it continued success.

B. Learning Centered College – Judith Sherer / Catherine Leisek.

Dr. Sherer mentioned the success colleges from West Virginia and Tennessee have had in using assessment tools that are available online. She will need help and volunteers to work with her in establishing these tools at Broward College. Senator Steve Watnik volunteered. Institutional Research will be advertising for a full-time Faculty Member from Business, English and Communications to head the project and wants to recruit mentors on each campus. Senator Teresa Hodge moved that we form a committee to help Outcomes Tools Assessment. Senator Rosa Gaskins seconded the motion. Senators Teresa Diehl, Senator Benoush Memari and Steve Roig-Watnik volunteered.

C. Legislative Update – Barbara Cohen Pippin

Barbara Cohen Pippin, Assistant to the President for Government Relations, distributed a handout about the results of the previous legislative session. After the series of cuts Broward College is beginning the fiscal year with 7.2% less funding for the upcoming year compared to the same time last year. She reminded the Senate of her department's homepage <http://www.broward.edu/locations/dtc/govrelations/> which contains a wealth of links to relevant sites that will assist faculty in making informed decisions in the upcoming election. She noted that the Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Program for Community Colleges will not be allocating funds this year, though that money may be made up in the future when the economy recovers. The State College System Bill <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=38464&SessionId=57> allowed both the Broward College name change and gives it permission to grant Baccalaureates. The Council on Social Status of Black Men and Boys <http://www.cssbmb.com/>, which is striving to improve the future of Black males in higher education, is chaired by BC Trustee Levi Williams. Of utmost importance to the college will be the Constitutional amendment which enables voters to authorize a five year local-option sales tax to help fund community colleges. Amendment 8 will be on the November Ballot http://www.votesmartflorida.org/mx/hm.asp?id=Amendments_November2008. Broward College will be requesting an 11.8% increase in its budget for the next year.

Ms. Pippin thanked George Masforroll, BC College Wide Director of Bookstores for his emergency testimony before Senate and House on the Textbook Affordability Act.

D. Textbook Affordability Update – George Masforroll

Mr. Masforroll gave an overview of the Act:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=textbook&URL=CH1004/Sec085.HTM . It was noted that the Senate has a Textbook Committee already in place and that prior committees issued reports. Senator Karen Roberts moved the Senate reconvene the Textbook Adoption Committee and Senator Steve Roig-Watnik seconded.

Central Campus Senator Ed Erazo has taken over as Associate Dean of Communication, so President Leisek has recommended Todd Bernhardt as the replacement to serve out his term. Senator Jim Lansing so moved and the motion was seconded by Senator Teresa Hodge. Fuad Khan has resigned as Senator from North Campus and a replacement for the remainder of his term must be found. Any interested North Campus full-time faculty are asked to contact President Leisek at x6506 or cleisek@broward.edu . Central Senator Dianne Ruggiero's new position has necessitated a replacement for her seat which was filled at the May Senate meeting by Faculty Librarian Jackie Henning. Out of respect for former Senator Debbie Nycz, President Leisek is leaving her seat vacant until the September Senate meeting.

E. Faculty Senate Appointments -- Catherine Leisek

President Leisek has asked any Senator interested in becoming Senate Secretary for the remainder of 2008-2009 to please contact her.

It was announced that college-wide committees have been co-appointed by College President Armstrong and Senate President Leisek. The list is available online <http://www.broward.edu/committees/> . Each of the Vice Presidents has been assigned as an Ad Hoc Member. Changes in the appointment process will be added as an item on a future Senate Agenda.

.06 Announcements

President Leisek thanked former Senate Presidents Tom Green and Betty Brady for their attendance.

.06. Adjournment

Senator Rosa Gaskins moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Teresa Hodge.

**THE FACULTY SENATE CORDIALLY INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY,
STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATION TO ATTEND THE SENATE MEETINGS.**

The Next Faculty Senate Meeting will be at Central Campus on Sept.18, 2:30 PM, 17/425-426