

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
January 17, 2007  
Central Campus**

**Faculty Senate Attendance:**

**Senators:** Maria Bernal-Dobek, Bob Brasco, Blaine Browne, Damon Davis, Ed Erazo, Rosa Gaskins, Kelli Hammer, Terri Hayes, Teresa Hodge, Barbara Klemm, Jim Lansing, Kate Le Grand, Catherine Leisek, Neil Linger, Leah Lyons, Benoush Memari, Angela Michaels, Karen Modrich, Debbie Nycz, Susan Oldfather, Gloria Scheff, Joy Stewart, and Ione Turpin.

**Guests:** Alan Applebaum, Irmgard Bocchino, Lois Bolton, Barbara Bryan, Denese Edsell, Marcial Echenique, Gregory Ferenchak, Donna Henderson, Cathleen Horne, Trish Joyce, Terri Justice, Pam Katzir, Kevin Keating, Jose Macias, Hank Martell, Sonia Nieves, Jullian Printz, Monica Ramirez, Ken Ross, Colleen Quinn, Dianne Ruggiero and Jerry Schwartz.

01. **Call to Order.** President Catherine Leisek called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.
02. **Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda for the meeting was approved.
03. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the December 2007 meeting were approved.

**04. Old Business**

- A. **President's Report.** Catherine Leisek started by welcoming the senators back from the holiday break and wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Catherine stated that the college continues to save money in its operating expenses. Shutting down the PCs in the labs and elsewhere when not in use would save a lot of money in the future.

Catherine stated that budget problems continue as well. There was a possible decrease in the budget of 4% on the horizon, even though we had had an increase of enrollment of 1.9%, which will increase our budget in the future. That is the way the enrollment/budget cycle works.

Catherine also stated that we had experienced a big problem with the computers on all campuses, but that Patti Barney was present to talk about that.

Catherine announced that on Feb. 15, 2008, budget cut hearing would start then in Tallahassee.

- B. Summer Block Scheduling.** Ken Ross asked to hear what the senate's opinion on summer block scheduling. He reported that 70% of the students surveyed, 1557 out of 2187 students responding, say that they prefer the Monday – Thursday schedule. Hank Martel added that starting evening classes at 6:00 p.m., not 6:30 p.m., would work better in summer.

Dianne Ruggiero stated that 60% of the faculty said yes to the block scheduling as did 70% of students. She said starting at 8:00 a.m. is best.

Teresa Hodge made a motion that summer block scheduling not be employed this coming summer and to return to a summer 5-day schedule as was originally intended. Motion failed.

Ed Erazo made a motion to employ summer block scheduling to complete the two-year trial for block scheduling. Motion passed.

- C. Student Survey.** Irmgard Bocchino presented the Student Schedule Survey 2007 Survey Results. A total of 2,187 students had completed the survey as of January 16, 2008. Students were asked to respond to the survey as urgently requested and that their answers would help shape the 2008-2009 schedule of courses offered at BCC.

For fall and winter terms, 1744 students responded that the “MW/TR Block schedule is better for me.” 167 students responded that the “MWF/TR Standard schedule is better for me.” 276 students responded that they had “no preference.”

For summer terms, 1557 students responded that the “MW/TR Block schedule is better for me.” 172 students responded that the “MWF/TR Standard schedule is better for me.” 458 students responded that they had “no preference.”

Irmgard finished by stating that the survey had included a lot of positive comments on the faculty at BCC. She shared some of the comments.

- D. BOT Petition Report.** Blaine Brown stated that the petition was now ready for signatures and wanted to know how we should proceed in making the petition available for signatures. Catherine said she would announce that the senators on each campus would be organizing the collection of signature on the petition. Blaine reminded us that the form should include years of service after the name.

## **05. New Business**

- A. **Network Outage.** Patti Barney started by saying that she had been at BCC for 25 years and we had never experienced a network outage in all those years like the one we had just had. It was a Metro-Ethernet problem. We now rely solely on A.T. & T. and they were very responsive. The fact, as shared at President's cabinet, was that we had a total loss of 28 hours. This network outage experience has made the President's Cabinet aware that we do not have business continuity plans at BCC. It was not an emergency, it was a crisis, but it eventually got escalated to an emergency. I.T. is buying new software tools for debugging to handle this in the future. During the network outage, our contact for emergencies was in the hospital. There will be a follow-up article in the *Observer* that will focus less on the negative aspects of the network outage. One of these positive aspects was that classroom instructors could log on from the podiums to get to their classes via local servers, even though there was no Internet available. During the network outage, we followed our written emergency procedures. Communication was the worst part of the network outage. We are also looking at full redundancy for the network at a cost of about \$1 million dollars.

Teresa Hodge asked Patti Barney for advice about turning off PCs in the classrooms. Patti said that if the PCs are not going to be used for at least eight hours, turn them off. However, leave them on if they will be used sooner than eight hours. This alone will save the college an estimated \$360,000 a year.

Patti Barney finished by saying that voice-over IP is being implemented. Existing 16-button phones will be similar to the new ones. Training is coming.

- B. **UFF Report.** Debbie Nycz stated that the impasse hearing lasted two days and until after 6:00 p.m. on both days. Daniel Rieger is now taking care of writing the brief. Daniels efforts on this have been enormous. Next steps are to get a report from the special magistrate with recommendations. The BOT will get the report and they will decide what to offer faculty. Faculty will then vote to either accept or reject the offer. The next *Balance Sheet* will have more information.
- C. **CRA Workshops.** Pam Katzir, the new associate at the Holcombe Institute, wanted to let everyone know that there would be three workshops in February, one on each campus.
- D. **Student Learning Outcomes.** Ken Ross reported that last semester, six faculty members worked with faculty colleagues to align student outcomes. The new buzz word in SACS-land is Student Learning Outcomes. In SACS changes to the principals of accreditation, Section 3, Comprehensive Standards, there is revised wording in 3.3.1, "the

institution identifies expected outcomes...” and 3.5.1. “the institution identifies college-level general education competencies and the extent which graduates have attained them.” By 2012, SACS will return and they will be asking how we are assessing these.

Some schools are randomly selected and tested. Hillsborough for example takes 200 students to do this. Ken said that institutional effectiveness meetings will be scheduled. Please go to <http://www.sacs.org> for more information. We need faculty participation in this process.

E. **Posting for Administrative Positions.** Ken Ross stated that the provost positions on both North and South would be separate searches. He also stated that the VPAA search was well underway.

06. **Announcements.** Jim Lansing announced that there would be an Art Show on the North Campus starting January 30, 2008.

07. **Adjournment.** Teresa Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Debbie Nycz seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting is March 20, 2008, Central Campus, 17/425-426.**