

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
March 20, 2008  
Central Campus**

**Faculty Senate Attendance:**

**Senators (18/30):** Bob Brasco, Blaine Browne, Damon Davis, Ed Erazo, Rosa Gaskins, Kelli Hammer, Terri Hayes, Kate Le Grand, Catherine Leisek, Neil Linger, Behnoush Memari, Angela Michaels, Karen Modrich, Barry Mowell, Debbie Nycz, Gloria Scheff, Joy Stewart, and Ione Turpin.

**Guests (19):** Russ Adkins, Willie Alexander, Sandra Block, Irmgard Bocchino, Lois Bolton, Carole Comarcho, Ellyn Drotzer, Denese Edsall, Donna Henderson, Jackie Henning, Trish Joyce, Rob Koppelman, Jose Macia, David Moore, Dianne Ruggiero, Frank Sandmaier, Norm Seavers, Pat Senior, and B. G. Thompson.

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.** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 2008 meeting by Gloria Scheff. Blaine Browne seconded. Motion passed.
04. **Old Business**

**President's Report.** Catherine Leisek started by wishing everyone a happy spring.

Catherine reported that the block scheduling had been approved for fall and winter—a one year continuation. She added that there is a need to form a committee to start the analysis of block scheduling at the college.

Catherine said that the standing committee forms would be sent out late this year; she had requested that they be sent out in January. Donna Henderson and Catherine will be working on committee assignments. Catherine said they would be especially considering new faculty members and those tenured faculty members who have not served on committees recently.

- A. Emeritus Policy.** Frank Sandmaier from Information Technology, who attended in place of Patti Barney, reported that the request for active e-mail accounts for emeriti was in conflict with the current email policy in place, which states that everyone who has an email account must be assigned to a unit at the college. A suggestion was made that a special

unit, an emeritus department, be created to allow for email accounts for emeriti.

Copies of a draft of the new policy, “Emeritus Standing” (dated 3-01-08) were available at the meeting. Debbie Nycz noted that although e-mail was not specifically mentioned, the section “any other privileges designated by the college” would cover e-mail accounts for emeriti.

A motion was made by Debbie Nycz to send President Armstrong a recommendation to allow faculty, staff and administrators to be placed in an emeritus department upon their retirement. Behnoush Memari seconded. Motion passed.

**B. Senate Election Results.** Catherine announced that the voting for the 2008-2010 senators on the three campuses would be completed this week and that the names of the elected senators would be announced next week. At this meeting, the official results from both Central and South Campuses were submitted to the Senate Secretary. The official results from the South Campus would be ready on Monday. Catherine thanked the teams of senators, who had coordinated the elections on the three campuses.

**C. Search Committee Announcements/Discussions.** Catherine wanted to give the senate an update on a couple of searches at the college.

- 1) The new Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Judith E. Scherer, will begin work at BCC on June 2, 2008. She will also be attending the college-wide faculty meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008.
- 2) On the search for the provost on North Campus, Catherine explained that they would have three candidates to be put forth. The candidates would interview next week. Resumes would be posted on the web. The first interview would be Monday, March 24. Location for each candidate’s open forum would be Building 46, Room 152. Catherine added that the committee meeting that day had concluded at 2:00 p.m. and that information would be sent to faculty. All of this should already be on the college web page, she said. Transparency and communication would make this process easier, she remarked.

## 05. New Business

**A. International Education.** Dr. David Moore, Associate Vice President for International Education, started by thanking us for the opportunity to provide an overview of what International Education does. He suspects a lot of people ask what in the world is International Education at BCC

doing. Well, it is a part of the mission of the college. International students form a major part of BCC in many ways. There are more than 600 F1 visas for example and they make up 55% of the honors program. Additionally, BCC has 79 Study Abroad programs in 29 countries through our consortium. BCC's relationships with educational institutions, our oversea partners and affiliates, have grown to eight countries overseas: Spain, India, Singapore, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, Mexico, China and Vietnam. We are in the process of finalizing arrangements in Jamaica as well. David ended by saying that BCC could not do all of this without the help of the faculty. For more information on International Education at BCC, see web page: <http://www.broward.edu/internationalEducation/>

- B. Cell Phone Signage.** Blaine Browne stated that the disruptive use of cell phones in classrooms was out of control. Blaine made a motion that just like the no food or drink signs in the classrooms, there should be no cell phone signs. The motion was seconded by Gloria Scheff. The discussion followed. Several senators mentioned that many students put their cell phones on vibrate so as not to disturb the class when they got calls and messages. The college should address cell phone use in their emergency contact policy. Another senator said that not only should we have signs saying no cell phones but we should also have signs that state no head phones. Another senator said that just like with the no food or drink signs in the classroom, no cell phone signs would not be enforced by all faculty. Another senator stated that faculty, who wanted a sign, could create their own signs and post them in their classrooms. Several senators remarked that this seemed to be part of the annual discussion on cell phone use and cell phone etiquette. At the end of the discussion, Blaine stated that there was no clear consensus among the faculty senators to pass the motion. Motion withdrawn.
- C. Graduation.** Donna Henderson asked the senators for assistance in reading the names at graduation. She said that two or three volunteers from the faculty would be enough for the graduation ceremony in May. Kate Le Grand made a motion to ask Donna Henderson to e-mail faculty to ask for volunteers to read the names at graduation. Neil Linger seconded. Motion passed.
- D. Diversity in Curriculum.** Maria Bernal-Dobek stated that diversity in the curriculum was a new branch of the diversity initiatives at BCC. Maria also said, this was a pilot program and there may be SPD funds available through the Holcombe Institute. Maria said it is all voluntary. For more information, contact Maria and see the Holcombe Institute's web page at <http://www.broward.edu/holcombeinstitute/>
- E. UFF Update.** Debbie Nycz reported that Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. there would be a meeting at Tigertail of the bargaining teams to finalize

the wording on those items that would go into the contract for a vote by the faculty. A contract had not been finalized last week, even though the administration already paid faculty per the salary schedule that has yet to be ratified by the faculty. Debbie ended by asking all of the senators and other faculty members present to join the Faculty Union.

- F. **May Honors Awards Ceremony.** Dr. Irmgard Bocchino stated that the Honors Institute will host its annual Honors Awards Celebration on May 21, 2008, Wednesday. At this year's event, the Institute will recognize student achievement in the following award categories: Brain Bowl Team members, Math Team members, Transfer Scholarship Winners (for local universities only), and Campus Departmental Award winners. In addition to these Hall of Fame sections, there will be an additional "Star Student" category which features BCC Dean's Award winners, national scholarship winners/nominees, and exceptional students from the other categories.

For more information, see Honors Student Showcase and Honors Student Hall of Fame at: <http://www.broward.edu/honors/showcase/index.htm>

- G. **Institute of Economic Development.** Norm Seavers, Associate Vice President for Economic Development, shared folders that contained information about the Institute of Economic Development including the policy statement that created it. Several departments form the institute: the non-credit Continuing Education Program and corporate training, which are self sustaining; the Center for Business and Industry, which will be shut down; and Continuing Education / Workforce Development (Health Science) for a special credential or certificate. Norm mentioned one successful program as an example of the work they do. RENEW, Refugees Entering New Enterprises and Workforce, a comprehensive English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and job training program for refugees, which has grants available for participants.

For more information see <http://www.broward.edu/ied/ied/ce/>

- H. **Achieving the Dream.** Trish Joyce distributed a handout and discussed the initial data of the students that are being tracked by cohort types and learning communities. Trish clarified that retention was defined as re-enrollment. The faculty will hear more about the "AtD" program as she receives more data.

For more information see <http://www.achievingthedream.org> – the Achieving the Dream web site.

06. **Announcements.** Catherine wanted to announce that while nothing is yet certain with the budget and State cuts for next year, she had heard at a recent meeting about a possible 4% cut that was being anticipated by the college.

She shared a copy of a worksheet for the Florida Community College System to accompany the Senate Proposed Bill for 2007-2008 Budget Reductions, which included a column for Legislative Proposed Additional Reduction (dated 03/12/08). With the additional amount for the Removal of Non-recurring Restoration, the worksheet showed a Total Reduction for Broward Community College of more than a million dollars.

Catherine also wanted to announce that the textbook committee would be called back and that she and Donna Henderson would be working on that.

Lastly, Catherine asked for personal privilege to ask those present to contact their representative to ask why our vote is being denied. Our rights are being curtailed, she stated, by the political parties. She urged us to write a letter immediately to our representative.

07. **Adjournment.** Debbie Nycz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Damon Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

**Next Meeting is April 17, 2008, North Campus, 46/152, at 2:30 p.m.**