

Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Thursday, May 13, 2010
Central Campus, 17/425-426
02:30 PM

Senators in attendance (as signed in): Rosa Gaskins, Jim Lansing, Victor Lawrence, Sandra Stone, Dianne Ruggiero, Michael Tenenbaum, Catherine Leisek, Ione Turpin, Robert Wiltgen, Renee Pleus, Darendra Borgers

Guests in attendance (as signed in): Deborah Hopkins, Kevin Keating, Ed Erazo, Scott Miller, Peggy Green, David Asencio, Peter Battaglia, Hank Martel, Chris Casper, Russ Adkins, Frank Sandmaier, Irmgard Bocchino, Avis Proctor, Winston Thompson, John Oshodi, Mary Rousseau, Suzette Spencer

01. CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Lansing called the meeting to order at 2:47 pm. He welcomed everyone to the final Senate meeting of the academic year. He also welcomed back Irmgard Bocchino.

02. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: There was not a quorum, so we had no approval of the agenda.

03. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: There was not a quorum, so we couldn't approve the minutes.

04. OPEN ISSUES

A. *President's Report – Jim Lansing*

- President Lansing reported that they had the meeting with President Armstrong regarding co-governance. He said they went in with two major goals and achieved them:
 1. There will be a regular meeting with the President, Senate President, and Union President to discuss communication issues and governance issues. Also, we will have a task force to explore co-governance at the college.
 2. Another goal was in defining the job search for Associate Deans to determine years of experience so internal candidates more easily can apply.
- Senate Policy and Procedure Committee did meet. There will be a report later.
- VPAA search has begun. The search committee has narrowed down the list for phone interviews.
- FACC Spring Conference went well. Angel Rodriguez was a semi-finalist.
- Committee preference survey – the requests are in and in June the committees will be formed.
- BC Foundation had a meeting this morning, and they are exploring governance as well.
- Pre-Cabinet policy meeting was canceled this week.
- President's Cabinet meeting was canceled.

Catherine Leisek had a request regarding the VPAA search. She asked whether we could have ample notice when candidates would be brought to campus. She asked for at least a week's notice. Russ replied that definitely there would be ample notice.

There was no quorum at this time, so we couldn't vote on the minutes. Catherine Leisek did have one addition to the agenda: copy machines.

D. Faculty administrative rights to computers (this issue was covered out of order)

There was a motion last meeting, and President Lansing asked for any further comments on the issue. Russ Adkins would like to see who has and who has not been approved and why or why not. Greg Reeder was approved. There was a question as to whether others have been “grandfathered in” but Russ was not aware of that and said that this conversation is one that needs to occur. Mary Rousseau said that there needs to be clarification as to what are appropriate reasons and what are not in order to get faculty administrative rights so that faculty are not guessing. Russ responded that his understanding is they are granting administrative rights in situations when they feel they cannot support a faculty member.

Frank Sandmaier said that there is a document that spells out specifically three points: 1 – the procedure, 2 – the form, and 3 – the criteria.

Russ will be taking the concerns to the committee.

E. UFF Report – Damon Davis (given by Dianne Ruggiero)

- Union 2010 will be September 23rd at ArtServe. This is an event to welcome faculty. Invitations will be sent.
- Contract negotiations are at impasse step. Written reports are due this week from both sides. Then it depends on how long it takes for the Special Magistrate to render a decision.
- End-of-Semester party was last week. Lois B. Bolton received the Debbie Nycz Legacy Award for her service.
- Sustainability Policy – Dianne was not at the meeting but Jim was at one recently and believes the committee agreed on language. He remembers a feeling of consensus but is not sure if there was a vote.
- Russ Adkins mentioned that Damon sent from Union Leadership a policy with revised wording. The version we will see today is the UFF version with 1 thing added. Michael Tenenbaum added that he spoke with Damon this morning and the document handed out was to a large extent a result of the committee that met recently and what they have was acceptable to all parties. There was no quorum to act on anything at this point.

B. Policy & Procedure Review Committee report – Michael Tenenbaum

Item B was passed over and returned to after Item E on the agenda. There were 4 policies handed out, and the committee is seeking final approval and acceptance by the Senate.

1. Grades 4.19. Michael reported that considerable discussion went into this one not to infringe on academic freedom. David Asencio asked if there is something else that refers to excessive absences and what is an excessive absence. Irmgard Bocchino said that there is an absence policy separate from this. Catherine Leisek said that a faculty member defines excessive absence in the syllabus. She said that about three years ago there was a meeting and it was decided that that was something to remain for the faculty to determine. Angelia Millender commented that we can't go against Board policy. We can't penalize students for an excused absence. Ed Erazo brought up the point that at some point even with excused absences the student hasn't done enough to successfully complete the course. Hank Martel brought up the idea of a “W” instead of an “F.” There was considerable discussion. Avis agreed with the feeling of the discussion but said that this is the Class Attendance policy (4.18), not the one before us. No action could be taken because there was not a quorum.
2. CLAS Requirement 4.04. The CLAST no longer exists. The waiver has been added. Jim Lansing asked whether or not the rule that is mentioned could be spelled out. Dianne Ruggiero advised that if the rule changes, then the policy has to be amended.

3. Academic Load 4.02. This was thoroughly discussed at this morning's meeting. There was no discussion.
4. Sustainability in Academic Practices – Draft Policy. This was a college-wide, team effort. They are trying to make it as noninvasive/nonintrusive as possible. This is not yet a new policy. Michael Tenenbaum was asked to add whether there is discussion if this needed to be elevated to the level of policy or if it was enough to put in the mission statement. Peggy Green said that we will be one of the few colleges to have such a specific sustainability policy; there are hundreds of colleges with a sustainability policy but just in general.

No action could be taken because there was not a quorum.

Russ Adkins said that he is disappointed that we can't go forward because he wanted to take something to the Board.

C. Co-Governance Committee Report

There was no report given at the May meeting.

F. FACC Report – Xioa Wang (given by Jim Lansing)

We are undergoing a membership campaign. BC is the lowest in the State. The membership development workshop is in Broward County this year in July. The FACC State Board meeting will be Friday of that week.

.05 NEW BUSINESS

A. Room Scheduling

Catherine Leisek expressed concern that we are short on classroom space. She said that she has been asked to give up classrooms at 8am for the College Academy. Who has first dibs on our classrooms? Us or the College Academy? Peter Battaglia responded that we've grown by double digit enrollments the past two years and it's been an ongoing struggle to find space for the college academy. They are thinking of offering more 2pm-5 classes, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday classes. Catherine questioned whether this is a disservice to students with jobs. Another question was whether portables could be used for the 8am classes. However, the college is getting rid of the portables.

B. Senate Schedule for 2010-2011

Catherine Leisek recommended April 21st meeting at Tigertail because for elections it's a neutral ground. We are going to wait for the revised list.

C. Question from Linda Wood, Director of Public Safety Institute

They need a faculty member to be on their search committee. They are searching for a Director of Security and Emergency Preparedness. They are looking to move quickly in July and August. Catherine mentioned that it doesn't have to be a Senator.

.06 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Irmgard invited everyone to the Annual May Awards for the Honors Institute. She wants all to feel included. Honors is alive and well at Broward College.
- B. Michael Tenenbaum respectfully requested that it be noted that as chair of the policy and procedures committee, he has no problem or objection to any of the four policies moving forward.

- C. Russ Adkins said that this has been a great year. He wanted to thank everyone and Senators for all their participation and hard work. He said we can't have co-governance or conversation without faculty participation. We have a great college because we have great faculty. He thanked each of us for showing up today to the meeting even though we are not under contract. He thanked all the Academic Deans. He thanked Senate President Jim Lansing.

We all gave a big round of applause to Russ Adkins for all his hard work.

.07 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darena Borgers, Faculty Senate Secretary.

**The next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for
August 19, 2010 following the college-wide Faculty Meeting
on
North Campus, Omni Auditorium, Building 60**