

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
Thursday, August 20, 2009  
North Campus**

**Faculty Senate Attendance**

**Senators**

Jim Lansing, Teresa Hodge, Karen Modrich, Alan Applebaum, Rosa Gaskins, Karen Roberts, Kate LeGrand, Greg Reeder, Sharon Simpson, Darendra Borgers, Angela Michaels, Robert Wiltgen, Behnoush Memari, Neil Linger, Joy Stewart, Todd Bernhardt, Dianne Ruggiero, Blaine Brown

**Guests**

Anne Cardozo, Colleen Quinn, Audrey Hunter, Sandra Stone, Russel Dunn, Roy Pocknee, George G. Masforroll, Terri Hayes, Linda Washington-Brown, Angela Russell, Deborah Kondelik, Greg Lindeblom, Eileen Garcia, Martin McClinton, Monica Ramirez, Hank Martel, Arman Davis, Linda Wise, Gladys Sanchez-Bello, H. D. Loschak, Carole Comarcho, Donna Henderson, Lourdes Oroza, Russ Adkins, Trish Joyce, Kayla Gamble, Nilo Marin, Irmgard Bocchino, Lois Bolton, Ed Erazo, John Kaufman, Barbara Cohen-Pippin, Jose Macia, Lisa Ciardulli, Bonnie Donnes, Peter Battaglia

**01. CALL TO ORDER:**

Jim Lansing called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM.

**02. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A change in the order of business was requested. Neil Linger made a motion to approve the agenda. Kate LeGrand seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

**03. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the May 2009 Faculty Senate minutes was made by Rosa Gaskins. Angela Michaels seconded. Two points of clarification to the May 2009 Faculty Senate minutes were noted. Amended approval of the minutes was passed.

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**04. OLD BUSINESS**

***A. Presidents Report***

Jim Lansing brought up the need for a review of the Constitution for the Faculty Senate that is online. There is a need to update this document. He asked for a committee to review the Constitution and look at the language of the Constitution for the Faculty Senate and suggest any changes needed. Upon completion of this review, the committee will then present to the Faculty Senate for discussion and endorsement. Kate LeGrand and Terri Hayes volunteered to head this initiative.

Presented to the Faculty Senate was an updated list of all Faculty Senate Senators for 2008-2009 and 2009- 2011. Jim Lansing will request from Dr. Chung a list of all BC faculty members to look at proportional representation of Faculty Senate senators on all campuses. He also mentioned there are vacant Faculty Senate seats that need to be filled on Central Campus and North Campus. Faculty that would like to suggest a faculty member for a Faculty Senate position should send their suggestions to Jim Lansing. Sandra Stone stated she would be interested in filling the vacancy on North Campus.

***B. Textbook Selection Process***

Greg Reeder reported that this past May Dr. Scherer had charged a committee, that he served on, made up of Academic Deans, Associate Deans and the Book Store to look at resolving a textbook selection issue that has been ongoing (See previous Faculty Senate minutes in reference to this issue). Discussions

in this committee culminated in a final outcome of agreement of those involved to use textbook chosen by the college wide committee.

### ***C. Outcomes Assessment Update***

Joyce Walsh-Portillo presented an Outcomes Assessment update. She discussed outcomes and assessments and the work being done in general education. She recognized the committee members involved in this initiative and thanked them for their work. She reiterated the need for Faculty Senate involvement in Outcome Assessment. If any faculty are interested in being a part of the assessment committee contact Audrey Hunter or Ann Cordoza.

## **05. NEW BUSINESS**

### ***A. Honorary Degrees***

Nancy Botero introduced to the faculty senate a Case for Support--Nomination for Honorary Degree for Brian Stokes Mitchell. She presented an overview of Mr. Mitchell's theatrical performance background and gave out a handout highlighting Mr. Mitchell's theatrical background and his work with a number of charitable organizations. She asked the Faculty Senate for their support in awarding an Honorary degree to Mr. Mitchell. Kate LeGrand made a motion to award an Honorary Associate of Arts degree to Brian Stokes Mitchell (pending a background clearance). The motion was seconded by Karen Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***B. Cell Phone Interruption in Class***

Karen Roberts brought up the issue of student cell phone interruptions in class and how this has become a problematic issue for some faculty. Besides cell phones going off in class, there are some students also engaging in texting and instant messaging. In the discussion, some faculty are more casual with allowing cell phone use than others. It was pointed out that each faculty member should have a statement in his or her syllabus stating his or her rules in reference to cell phones in class. A question was raised as to whether there should be a college wide statement about cell phone use.

There was a suggestion to invite a guest speaker to address this issue. This item will be put back on the agenda for further discussion.

### ***C. LEMAP Visit Faculty Input Session***

Jim Lansing mentioned there will be a LEMAP visit to Broward College. This visit will take place on Tuesday Sept 1st at 2:00PM on Central Campus, Building 17, room 425. This visit will address security needs of the college to include classroom security as well as campus security. Faculty and Faculty senators should attend.

## **06. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Karen Roberts announced there will be a watercolors display show on North Campus coming up in December and January. More details will be forthcoming.
- Trish Joyce announced an upcoming professional development opportunity, Successful Models for Learning, to be held at the Gallery One Ballroom, 2670 E. Sunrise Blvd in Fort Lauderdale on November 6, from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. This professional development opportunity is co-sponsored by Title V Solo/Co-op and HR professional Development and Training.
- Jim Lansing announced that Teresa Hodge attended the annual representative Assembly of the National Education Association . At this assembly she was elected treasurer of the Democratic Caucus.

**07. ADJOURNMENT**

Rosa Gaskins moved to adjourn the meeting. Angela Michaels seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Modrich

**The Next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for September 17,  
Central Campus, 17/425-426**