

Faculty Senate Meeting - Minutes April 27, 2017, 3:00pm | G102

- I. **Call to Order** – 3:02pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Both February and March minutes approved
- III. **Good News** – Karen shared some good news: Juan LeBron presented his dissertation proposal; Linda Kenny is retiring; Janeau Houston’s student was only community college student to present in molecular biology at a national conference on undergraduate research.
- IV. **Committee Reports** – There were none.
- V. **President’s Update**
 - a. **Referrals for Immigration Issues** – At the last meeting, we passed a motion to have Karen inquire about what resources we have access to regarding this issue. Encourage students to contact Jeanie Maynard, 281-290-2879, in the International Programs Office, for a list of pro-bono lawyers who specialize in immigration. There are also resources on the website.
 - b. **Follett Food and Exclusivity** – We had asked Karen to share our feedback and requests to Follett. She did. It was shared they now serve soup; progress has been slow. It was shared that we should not put into our syllabus to not buy books in the bookstore, as this violates our college’s contract with Follett. It was also shared that they price match at the bookstore.
 - c. **Strategic Enrollment Management** – At the last meeting, we requested more data on the success/completion of our students who are encouraged to enroll in more classes. Karen asked Dr. Chavez for this info, and he provided unrelated information instead. We need to continue to communicate our concern with pushing students into taking more classes (info provided was not helpful). We need to keep pushing on this.
 - d. **Campus Carry** – Faculty will be provided with a prepared paragraph we need to include in our syllabus for Summer/Fall 2017.
 - e. **Pathways** – The administration is still looking for faculty to help with this process; you may be asked to work one to two Fridays in June and if you are, you should ask for money.
 - f. **Student and Instructional Travel** – We are still pushing for clarification of this process.
 - g. **Memo from Mario Castillo about Vendor Offers and Gifts** – See e-mail sent by Mario Castillo about this issue; it is up to your interpretation, just pay attention to conflicts of interest.
 - h. **System Committee for Reviewing Staff Positions with Consultants, Paradox/PTG** – Evergreen screwed up so much the college has hired another consulting group and we are still trying to fix the mess on staff classifications; 1,800 staff have filed petitions to try to fix this issue.
 - i. **New Online Task Force** – Thank you to Kitty Gronlund, Mike Sundermann, Mead McLean and David Stancato for their work with this group. They have been going to SO meetings with VP Alicia Harvey Smith to address the administration’s

desire to offer online classes for speech, physics, art, and sciences; this task force is looking at best practices.

- j. **New Professional Development Office is Open** – Daphne Jones, Manager, is on campus and will host an open house in early fall. Feel free to stop by her office, F203.
 - k. **Legislative Update** – TRS proposal by Senator Bettencourt is not a favorable bill for new faculty starting; don't think it will pass but should be paid attention to.
 - l. **REACH Academy** – Quintin Wright, new Special Assistant to the Chancellor, starting the REACH Academy targeting African American students to improve success/completion rates. Karen has more info about that if you want it. They are reaching out to specific faculty to teach courses for the program's students; looking specifically at developmental classes and EDUC.
 - m. **Leave Banking Changes** – Full decision hasn't been made yet, but when people took SIP (retirement) they hadn't been paid for leave banking so they returned asking for it, which was problematic for the system. They are looking to stop program in December, pay everyone out, and restart process in January.
- VI. **Old Business – None**
- VII. **New Business**
- a. **Faculty Senate Election** – Thanks to the Election Judges: William Morgan, Glen Killian, Carlos Landa and Mischelle VanWijk. They helped to test online voting process, which we would have used if we had contested positions (which we didn't). System does work for future reference.
 - b. **Summer and Online Teaching** – A question was raised about policies regarding office hours and summer online teaching.
 - i. Motion: We would like Karen to ask for clarification regarding policy on teaching online during summer and expected time in office/on campus.
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - c. **Summer Reading** – Kitty is sending out "summer reading list" next week, so if you still want contribute, e-mail her ASAP.
 - d. **D2L Drops** – A concern was raised regarding how the entire D2L student record disappears when they are dropped from course; this is an issue for student complaints later on, as faculty have no way to provide proof of their involvement in the class. The new FS president will investigate.
 - e. **Installation of Officers and Senators for 2017-19**
 - i. Any other nominations?
 - 1. Betsy Powers nominated for BASS Senator
 - 2. Carlos Landa nominated for TEAM Senator
 - ii. Viva Vocce Vote
 - 1. Motion: Mark Whitten moved to approve the slate by acclimation.
 - 2. Motion Passed.
- VIII. **Announcements** – none
- IX. **Presentation by Follett** – were not present
- X. **Adjournment**

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