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Faculty Senate Board Meeting
March 30, 2017

- I. Call to Order (3:01pm)
- II. Good News: Karen shared that David Pyle successfully defended dissertation this week. She also announced that the father of Natalie Foreman, George Foreman, is speaking on campus Monday 4/3 at 1pm.
- III. Welcome New Faculty: Karen introduced and welcomed Gloria Kessler, the new adjunct Senator from BELS.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Memorial Report: This report was tabled until the next meeting since Tony Fuller was not present at the meeting.
 - b. Best Semester: Karen shared that those who have been awarded Best Semester for 2017-2018 have been notified. It is supposed to be 2 individuals per semester, but didn't actually work out that way this year due to who applied.
- V. President's Update
 - a. D2L/Blackboard Decision: Today is last day to make comments on D2L vs. Blackboard (3/30) before the process moves on to decision-making. Currently, there seems to be a bigger lean towards keeping D2L.
 - b. Food in the Follett Cafeteria: Karen met with Pat Sendelbach and Mona Hawkins to share our feedback on food service. Karen found out that we have this contract until 2019 (5 year contract), that this is the first time Follett has done food service, and they don't have the ability to cook food, which is why everything is brought in. Some additional suggestions made by FS were to contact local restaurants to get more variety of food than Chick-Fil-A or maybe even bring in food trucks. Karen will share additional feedback.
 - c. Organizational Chart: We asked for them, and we got them (updated now without errors and including names).
 - d. Child Care Center: The campus has signed a contract with a private individual who will run our childcare center beginning Fall 2017. Prices will be going up in order to make it profitable for the center.
 - e. President, Vice President and Deans Surveys: The surveys were e-mailed out this week so please fill them out. We won't see the actual results, but individuals will be given their feedback (in general, not as individual responses).
 - f. Proctors for Online Classes: The college does have a contract with two different companies that can proctor for online classes. There is a fee that the student pays and this is specifically for online courses not F2F classes that use D2L for testing.
 - g. Student Travel Issues: Karen has provided feedback to administration about frustrations regarding the process of approving student travel. They are working on the process and Karen has requested a simple, helpful chart, and has provided them with a great sample that is used on another campus.
 - h. Professional Development Office: Daphne Jones has been hired and is beginning Monday, April 3rd, with a "meet & greet" happening on Tuesday, April 4th from 2-3pm in G102. Her office is F203.
 - i. Board of Trustees Election: Just as an FYI, the election of David Vogt has been challenged by his opposition.

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- j. Emeritus Status: The college is discussion a program to award Emeritus program, and is currently discussing associated benefits. More info to come in the future.
 - k. Sanctuary Campus: Karen shared that the Chancellor has clarified that we are not a sanctuary campus and if we are asked to provide information on undocumented students, we will comply. This has to do with not losing federal funding. It was asked how we have that information and Karen shared that it is information provided through the financial aid process. She also shared that the Assistance counseling website (put assistance in search on LSC website) lists free legal help.
 - a. Motion: Can we be provided with advance notice for students if LSC provides names to government about undocumented students on our campus?
 - i. Motion Approved
 - b. Motion: Can we be provided a protocol on how to respond to students who come to us with concerns/questions about immigration issues and their status?
 - i. Motion Approved
 - l. More Marketing: Karen shared that we changed marketing companies so more marketing to come.
 - m. Gender Neutral Bathrooms: The college is going ahead with the project to add 1 gender neutral bathroom to each campus. It is costing the system \$3 million dollars.
 - n. Pathways: There is a forum next week and they will be asking for Faculty help (either at forum or soon after). It is going to be a lot of work so it was suggested that if you are asked to participate, you should ask for money.
 - o. Strategic Enrollment Management: This is something we are going to be hearing more about this soon, and it is the effort to change how we enroll people and making it better. It was shared that faculty have concerns over the push to get students to take more classes each semester and graduate in 2 years and its impact on our drop rates.
 - a. Motion: Can we be provided with data from the past 5 years on success & retention rates on students based on credit hours each semester to see how students are doing as a result of being “encouraged” to take more classes each semester (0-60).
 - i. Motion Approved
 - p. Fall 2017 Schedule: We are now adding minutes on to the day instead of the added assignment in order to address issue of lack of hours in Fall based on getting Wednesday off for Thanksgiving.
- VI. Old Business: None
- VII. New Business
- a. Faculty Senate Election: Our election judges are William Morgan, Glen Killian, Mischelle van Wijk and Carlos Landa. The deadline for nominating yourself/someone else for a position is 4/10.
 - b. April Meeting Lunch: We will be having a lunch from 12-3pm before our next FS meeting, where we will have the installation of our new officers. Follett will be at that meeting and Karen has given them 10 to present to faculty.
 - c. AFT Dues: Clarification was asked for regarding the e-mail from HR about AFT dues. It was clarified that AFT did not ask for the change. This is an issue that is in the state

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legislature (as it has been for the last several sessions) but has not been approved. It seems as though LSC decided to move forward despite lack of a decision within the legislature. Make sure to sign up via AFT (an email was sent to all members).

- d. Core Curriculum: Monica Gonzales shared that curriculum teams are trying to be more transparent, so be prepared that soon everyone will be asked to tie core objectives to SLOs.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Healthier U: Next week: lonestar.edu/healthieru
- b. Dress for Success: Tomorrow last day to bring donations to A/G/F/H
- c. Thank You: Karen was thanked for doing an excellent job as the Faculty Senate President

Officers: President: Karen Buckman | Vice President: Habib Far | Secretary: Michele Richey

BASS Senators: Amy Curry | Craig Livingston | Phil McCue / Matt Nelson

BELS Senators: Tony Fuller | Martina Kusi-Mensah | Mark Whitten/ Gloria Kessler

NASH Senators: Janeu Houston | John Kleist | Mattie McCowen /Josephine Hawkins

TEAM Senators: Rob Kreps | Carlos Landa | Chase Waites / Adebola Omotajo

Counselor Senator: Neil Phillips

Librarian Senator: Angela Colmenares

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