

FULL-TIME FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES of August 29, 2008
HBC 411 1:00 – 3:00 pm

President Dan Dydek called the meeting to order.

Agenda

It was moved that the agenda be approved. Agenda approved.

Minutes

It was moved that the minutes of 6/27/08 be approved. Minutes approved.

Nomination & Election of Senate Secretary & Parliamentarian

For senate secretary, Jon Luckstead was elected by affirmation. For senate parliamentarian, Don Becker and Domingo Alba were nominated. Domingo Alba was elected.

Appreciation for Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda, Past President

Dan Dydek read a statement of appreciation for Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda's service as FY08 Full-time Faculty Senate President and presented him with a plaque.

Consideration of Proposed Meeting Dates for FY09

Frank Cronin moved to accept the proposed FT Faculty meeting dates for FY09. The motion passed.

Approval of Standing Committees for FY09

It was noted that Jean Montgomery (assigned to the Academic Affairs Committee) was no longer employed at ACC. The vacancy was noted. Mariano Diaz-Miranda moved to approve the proposed members of the standing committees for FY09. The motion passed.

Authorization for Special Election of Senators

The Audit and Elections Committee will investigate the number of senators appropriate for representing the Cypress campus. Al Purcell moved to hold a special election to fill vacant positions in the senate. The motion passed.

Proposal to Approve of Senate Meeting Minutes by E-mail

Devorah Feldman proposed that senate meeting minutes be approved by e-mail. Don Becker moved that the senate create a system for electronically approving senate minutes. The motion passed. President Dydek appointed an ad hoc committee of Don Becker and senate secretary Jon Luckstead to bring a proposal to the next senate meeting.

Issues Related to Office Relocation at RGC

Dr. Tim Altanero presented details relating to his office being relocated. Discussion followed. Kelley Petkus moved to table the discussion until the next senate meeting pending further developments. The motion passed.

Workforce Faculty Compensation Clarification Sought

Prof. Domingo Alba presented information about change in the method of determining workforce LEH. Don Becker moved that the Salary and Benefits Committee consider the issue. The motion passed.

Status of the AR on Distance Learning Best Practices

Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda presented the outcome of the dispute regarding the AR on best practices for distance learning. Because of the action of the Faculty Senate, academic freedom, although under constant, unrelenting threats from a number of sources, has been forcefully advocated and defended, for at least the present moment. However, the struggle continues. President Dydek congratulated the ad hoc committee's work on this issue.

Compensation Issues

Dr. John Cise presented a handout with salary information. He particularly noted deficiencies in the salaries of ACC faculty with master's degrees. Discussion ensued.

Issues Concerning Professional Development Credit

Prof. Devorah Feldman brought forward the fact that the professional development credits earned on the day of the annual assembly on August 22, 2008 counted towards FY08 professional development rather than FY09. President Dydek will have the Policies & Procedures Committee investigate this issue and make a recommendation at the next senate meeting.

President's Report

President Dydek said that the deadline for submitting the Instructional Program Review Summary (IPRS) report and the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) is now April 15th of each year. He also said that an AR on department chair elections would be forthcoming. He mentioned that by headcount, registration had increased by 6% over last year. A handout regarding the provision of parking spaces at RGC to replace those lost from the Skill Center was disseminated.

Other Business

There was discussion about how students were notified that a philosophy class at RVS was cancelled. President Dydek asked Don Becker to express the concern of the faculty senate about the issue to the chair of the philosophy department. Related to this issue was the difficulty in adroitly finding faculty to hire. President Dydek established an ad hoc committee to consider the hiring process for full-time faculty consisting of Daisy Diaz-Aleman, Kelley Petkus, Domingo Alba, and, as chair, Mariano Diaz-Miranda.

The senate discussed the matter of tensions created from the change in the AR regarding distance learning best practices.

Adjournment

The motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Senators Present:

Dan Dydek, Devorah Feldman, Jon Luckstead, Ann Palmer, Al Purcell, Karry Evans, Ron Bass, Sylvia Owens, Frank Cronin, Daisy Diaz-Aleman, Paige Fletcher, Kelly Petkus, Domingo Alba, Deb Ziegler, Don Becker, Mariano Diaz-Miranda

Substitutes:

Denise White for Tracie Nobles

Visitors:

Patti Singleton, Tim Altanero

Submitted by Jon Luckstead, Secretary, Full-time Faculty Senate