

Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
11/13/2008

Present: Barry Gibson, John Connor, Thaddeaus Mounkurai, Linda Waymire, Jim Hyde, Gabi Booth, Mitch Pietras, Kelvin Badie, Natalie Rooney, Kathleen Lazarus, Teri Myers, Lynn Blanton, Jennifer Walsh, Jennifer Maxwell, Yvonne Green, Shana Gartlan, Michael Avery, Job Clement, Erika Blanken, and Rachel Owens

I. Meeting was called to order

II. Treasurer report: Jim Hyde reported that there have not been any transactions for the month, so our Faculty Senate Budget account remains at \$875. Three more faculty members have paid their voluntary \$10.00 fee this month, giving us a balance of \$400.61 in the Credit Union account. We have received an additional \$5.00 towards the "Faculty Senate Clock Tower Fund." This gives us a total of \$100.03. Please continue to encourage donations through the Credit Union. The account number is 7805.

III. Committee reports

A. Faculty Development – no report

B. Teaching and Learning – John Connor reported that the committee is meeting on Tuesday, 11/25/08, at 2:00 pm in the library conference room. The committee will be discussing the book Brain Rules (available in the library) and the implications for teaching and learning.

C. College Connections/College Experience – students are now coming from Mainland HS for College Connections, so more help is needed on the Daytona campus! Contact Richard Tamburro or Walter Saviuk if you can be involved.

D. Nominations and Awards – no report (no nominations or awards being taken currently)

E. Student Issues – Mitch Pietras reported that the committee is considering the following:

1. Recycling – the BAS students may take this on as a project. The college has no formal policy or procedures.

2. Free newspapers – Daytona State does not offer its students any free newspapers. The News-Journal used to be available. The committee is contacting them to see if this can resume under their Newspapers in Education program.

3. Wireless connections – there are many dead zones throughout campus.

4. Math CLAST – only 25% of students who take it, pass. There used to be a prep class for it, and the students would like to have this reinstated.

5. The students would like for the OneCard to be a true OneCard that would allow copying and printing as well. They don't always have enough cash on hand to finish printing their work with the current print cards.

F. Technology Committee – several issues were raised:

1. Gabi Booth went to the college-wide Technology Committee meeting, and there is a student survey for technology needs coming out. They were also talking about the wireless service.

2. There are many problems that arise as a result of the lack of interoperability between GroupWise, Kaleidoscope, et al. The phone directory does not get updated when a change is made elsewhere. If a home address changes, an employee has to contact 7 different offices to make sure that everyone knows.

3. There is not enough technology training for faculty on GroupWise, MS Office, etc. The committee will do a needs survey.

4. Re-training on D2L is repetitive and redundant; those who had already received training should have been grandfathered in. The notification of its necessity should also have come from the academic VP.

5. The online evaluation for hybrid classes and 100% online classes is the same, but it doesn't work for both. For instance, the evaluation of online discussion is not applicable to the hybrid classes, as discussion is done in class.

6. When a hybrid course meets Thursday nights, the students' access to the course is closed on the last Friday, and there is no way to get any feedback to those students. Would Virtual College consider leaving student access open until Monday after finals week so feedback can be given?

G. Social Committee – Kathleen Lazarus reported that there have been requests for another Daytona Cubs outing, and it will be held as a college-wide event again rather than just a faculty event. It was also suggested that another event is being considered, a meeting with Kevin Miller to let him tell us about the museum programs.

H. Publications and Communications – the committee members have decided that its purpose this year will be to institute a newsletter informing all faculty of colleagues' achievements, publications, awards, shows, performances, conference presentations, etc. An email will be coming out to request news items.

I. Salary and Benefits – equity needs to be addressed.

J. Clean Air – again, the purpose of this committee is NOT to institute a ban on smoking on campus! It is to designate areas for smokers. Also, now that Halifax Hospital has become a nonsmoking facility, its smoking employees are crossing the street to smoke on our campus. Designated areas (farther away from the hospital) will keep them from doing so. Also, by not following our current policies, employees are not modeling good behavior for the students.

K. Bylaws – the committee is rewriting both the Faculty Senate bylaws and the faculty guidelines.

#### IV. Old business

A. Logo – logo #2 was selected as the new Faculty Senate logo.

B. Promotion and Tenure committee elections have been held and the results announced.

#### V. New business

A. Student access to online courses at the end of the semester – Barry will speak with Rhodella Brown about this.

B. Grants – remember that a grant is one way to get funding in times of tight budgets.

## VI. Meeting schedules

No meeting will be held in December. The schedule for next semester will be:

January 22

February 12

March 12

April 23

May 14

The place will be announced; it may be possible to meet in the Faculty Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Owens

Faculty Senate Secretary