

Faculty Senate Minutes: 5/13/11

- I. Richard Grego called the meeting to order at 1:10.
- II. Minutes of last meeting were approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Andrea Reese announced that we have \$350.00 in the account and that she was unable to access the 2011-1012 budget as of today.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Bylaws: Because several faculty members were not available to attend today's meeting due to grading, etc., discussion of bylaws was tabled.
 - B. Salary / Benefits: No report
 - C. Social: No report
 - D. Communication: No report
 - E. Library: No report
 - F. Health / Fitness and Healthy Environment Committees: Grego said that according to Frank Lombardo, despite the work / survey on smoking at DSC, it "does not look good" that the College would implement a ban, as it would be difficult to enforce.
 - G. Tenure / Promotion: Jessica Kester reported on the latest meeting with department chairs, who "are not beholden to the portfolio system and were perfectly willing to entertain the new proposed system," an overview of which can be viewed at Florida Online in a Powerpoint presentation. Kester said that one suggestion from the chairs meeting was to change the faculty-wide online voting for perspective candidates to one meeting (percentage) of tenured faculty. The new system is projected to go into effect in the fall of 2012.
- V. New Business
 - A. Presidential Search Committee

Grego informed those present of the cancellation by board members Tanner and Wetherell of this morning's scheduled meeting to discuss the finalization process of the presidential search. Grego said he intends to make clear to the board that "if this process is going to be one by which we [search committee members] have done all this work and not have our recommendations considered [by board members]," then it would not serve the College well at all. The meeting has been rescheduled for some time next week, and by June 25, the board will interview the last few candidates and make its selection.
 - B. SACS Interviews

Grego announced that the recent SACS interviews went well, citing one visiting interviewer as remarking that it was healthy for a college such as DSC to take a more active role in faculty governance and have more input in the running of the school.
 - C. Grego made some concluding statements as Faculty Senate President for 2010-1011, highlighting the "introduction of a spirit of more openness" and a willingness to discuss ideas that had long needed to be discussed throughout the year. "Even if we rejected ideas [proposed by faculty], it is a good idea to radically question things once in a while."