FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Room S-138, 3:50 PM

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, December 10, 2013 – approved by voice vote without objection.

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

The following items from the 11/12/13 meeting have been approved by President Walter:

As a package
SR#20-13/14 Course Modification Idioms, Conversation and American Culture (Home and School)
SR#21-13/14 Course Addition Idioms, Conversation and American Culture (Life and Work)

The following items from the 11/12/13 meeting remain under further consideration by President Walter:

As a package
SR#03-13/14 Program Modification Certificate of Achievement - Baking
SR#04-13/14 Program Modification Certificate in Hospitality Management
SR#05-13/14 Program Modification Certificate in Culinary Arts
SR#06-13/14 Program Modification Certificate in Culinary Science
SR#07-13/14 Program Modification AAS Business Technologies-Hotel/Restaurant/Hospitality-Event
SR#08-13/14 Program Modification Certificate of Achievement - Catering

The following items from the 12/10/13 meeting have been approved by President Walter:

SR#1-11/12 Curriculum Deletion AAS.ST.SLT Science Laboratory Technology
SR#2-11/12 Course Deletion TEC-201 Science Laboratory Technology I
SR#3-11/12 Course Deletion TEC-202 Science Laboratory Technology II

As a package
SR#11-13/14 Program Addition Avionics (AAS.IDT.AVIONICS)
SR#12-13/14 Course Addition Introduction to Aircraft Avionics I (AVT-210)
SR#13-13/14 Course Addition Introduction to Aircraft Avionics II (AVT-220)
SR#14-13/14 Course Modification PHR-103 Introduction to Logic (proposing change to title and course description)
SR#16-13/14 Course Modification General Biology I (BIO-101)

III. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Dr. Alan Kaufman asked Senator David Cohen (HRH Dept.) about the status of SR#03 through SR#08 (above). Prof. Cohen stated that his department had updated the resolutions and that they will be sent to VPAA Mullaney for final processing.
Dr. Kaufman also reported that the two Taskforces created by the Senate at the request of President Walter are now engaged in their work on graduation issues (Taskforce 1) and general education and transfer issues (Taskforce 2).

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

VPAA William Mullaney reported on the recent pilot offerings of IST-123 Success 101 in relation to EBS courses. He provided information suggesting that the course might become a required offering at the college in the future. He acknowledged various other ways in which the college supports student success, specifically, public lectures by prominent speakers, cultural events, student clubs, and service learning projects.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prof. Gail Fernandez, Chair of the BCC Committee on General Education, presented the following report:

1. She thanked all the faculty who sent artifacts for the General Education Pilot Assessment Project.

2. She also thanked all the readers in the Assessment Project, some of whom are senators. She shared the outcomes and observations of the General Education Pilot Assessment Project:
   - There were 11 evaluators.
   - Artifacts were sent by many departments.
   - A total of 75 artifacts were evaluated. They were read and critiqued using a written communication, critical thinking, or creative thinking rubric. Readers worked in pairs to read and give one score for each artifact.
   - Students assessed scored highest on critical thinking.

3. She stated that this spring, the Gen Ed committee will be doing this assessment again. The same evaluators will read the artifacts. She asked for all departments to participate.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – none

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Items: None

B. Resolutions from the Academic Department Chairs Organization:

At the December 17, 2013, meeting of the Academic Department Chairs Organization (ADCO), the Chairs voted unanimously to affirm the following resolutions for the Faculty Senate to consider:

1. That the Faculty Senate Chair and the Vice-President of Academic Affairs form a committee to "jointly" make recommendations to the President regarding the reorganization in addition to the open faculty forums being planned by the Academic Vice-President. Designated as SR#17-13/14. Following discussion, this Resolution was
   
   APPROVED: 49-0-1

2. That the faculty Senate (a) formally request that the administration clearly communicate a cogent academic rationale for the planned consolidation of academic departments and (b) identify the
reason(s) why consideration is being given to the elimination of election of department chairs by the members of the departments. Designated as SR#18-13/14. Following discussion, this Resolution was

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Dr. Kaufman called for interested parties to volunteer to serve on the now-created Reorganization Committee.

C. There was some discussion of the status of the Academic Calendar for 2014FA through Summer 2015. It was noted that the new Calendar should include make-up days at the ends of the Fall and Spring semesters.

VIII. VISITORS: Gregg Biermann, Gail Fernandez, Randolph Forsstrom, Claire McConaughy.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 PM.