FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Room S-138, 3:50 PM

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, October 15, 2013 – approved by voice vote without objection.

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT
The following items from the 5/21/13 meeting have been approved by President Walter.

CC#01-13/14 Curriculum Modification BIO-115 to VET-115 Vertebrate Anatomy and Physiology I
CC#01-13/14 Curriculum Modification BIO-215 to VET-215 Vertebrate Anatomy and Physiology II

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
Senate Chair, Dr. Alan Kaufman, announced the membership of the new Senate-Administration committee on faculty promotions and also announced that a discussion of creation of the two taskforces recently requested by President Walter would take place at the end of today’s meeting.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS
VP Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus – New Graduation Committee (Chair: Dean Denise Liguori)

VP Gonzalez-De Jesus and Dean Liguori reported on the new Committee and on renewed efforts by the college to help students who are proceeding toward, qualified for, or close to qualified for graduation to reach that stage in their educations. A wide-ranging and vigorous discussion ensued, in which many in attendance raised important questions and made points they wished to get across. Some expressed a worry that, in pressing for increased graduations, the college might be tempted to waive academic requirements. On that matter, VP Gonzalez-De Jesus assured the Senate that, under her leadership, no such relaxation of academic standards will be tolerated. Many other matters relating to student graduation from the college were also discussed.

Prof. Gregg Biermann, Chair, Academic Department Chairs Organization (ADCO).

Prof. Biermann reported as follows:

1. that there will be an academic reorganization effective July 1st 2014
2. that the reorganization will involve consolidation of existing departments from 32 to between 15-20.
3. that VP Mullaney stated that his philosophy on Academic Department Chairs was to eliminate stipends and fold those resources into released time.
4. that VP Mullaney stated that he was not categorically against retaining elections but that other options could be explored.
Prof. Biermann also urged the Senate to become involved in the discussions regarding reorganization and stated that ADCO would continue as well. [Senate Chair Kaufman and the Senate Officers agree with Professor Biermann that the Senate, as well as ADCO, must be involved in reorganization planning.]

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prof. Gail Fernandez, Committee on General Education

Prof. Fernandez reported that the Vice President of Academic Affairs sent an email to all faculty asking them to participate in the Gen Ed pilot assessment project. Faculty have been asked to submit all student artifacts from one assignment to a Gen Ed assessment committee. The artifacts of students with a minimum of 45 credits will be evaluated by the Committee. Student and professor names will be withheld.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

CC#09-13/14  
Course Addition & Application for Diversity Status  
HIS-146 Genocide and Holocaust  
The course was approved by the Senate on 10/15/13 as a History offering. It was subsequently certified for General Education Diversity status by the BCC General Education Committee on 10/17/13. It is now back before the Senate for approval of the course’s Diversity status.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Items:

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

SR#10-13/14  Course Modification  EBS 041 Directed Studies in Writing

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)

These curriculum items were
APPROVED BY CONSENT: 43-0-1

B. Discussion on creation of taskforces requested recently by President Walter.

After some discussion, the members of the Senate decided that they did not have enough information about the President’s requested task forces to make any decisions about how to proceed. Instead of taking any action, the Senate asked that President Walter provide more information about what she is charging the task forces to do.
VIII. VISITORS: Gregg Biermann, Michael Feder, Gail Fernandez, John Georgiades, Kelly Keane, Denise Liguori, Linda Ochoa, Kaye Walter, Daniel Sheehan, Sarah Shurts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 5:30 PM