

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Room S-138, 3:50**

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, December 8, 2014 – Minutes were accepted with the following correction:

SR107-15/16 AP. PS.Sports Mgmt Associate of Science Degree, Sports Management
Change Math 155 to Math 150

Guests: Stacy Balkan, Jill Rivera, Mecheline Farhat

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

There were no Senate Resolutions submitted to the President.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kaufman noted that in the Faculty Constitution it is indicated (Section 2.5.a-page 6) that Senators should regularly update their departmental colleagues about actions taken by the Senate. He encouraged Senators to request time on departmental agendas so that they could do this. He mentioned that later on the agenda would be a report/discussion of the college's New Printing Procedures policy. He encouraged Senators to participate in opportunities to speak with members of the Middle States team when they are on campus from February 20-March 2. Kaufman pointed toward later in the agenda when Professor Cordell and Dr. DeMarco will be talking about the college curriculum, about options/programs, and about troubling national trends regarding college curricula. He indicated that throughout this academic semester the Faculty Senate would be discussing this matter on an ongoing basis.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

New Printing Procedures – Dr. Yun Kim reported on New Printing Procedures and in light of students now having to pay for printing, encouraged faculty to accept online documents and/or double sided documents as a way to help students use their paper allotment more efficiently.

CourseHero – Professor Mecheline Farhat discussed a number of sites that have about 1,000 BCC course documents including exams with answers on a predatory website called CourseHero. This site pays students to upload course documents and charges students to download them. Ethical and copyright violations need to be explored. Dr. Mullaney agreed to have college legal counsel write to CourseHero asking to have all BCC related documents taken down.

Dr. Redmond moved that the Chair put together a significant subcommittee to look at the Code of Conduct and make any changes that are necessary. Passed 48-0-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Middle States Update – Dr. Yun Kim and Professor Soni Tiwari gave an update on the Middle States visit which starts on February 28th. The final draft of the report has been released to the college community. Dr. Kim was asked about the schedule and apologized for how difficult it was as some people got invited to more than one meeting at a time, and the Middle State team was very specific about whom they wanted to meet with. The team is made up of eight members who hold diverse positions at their various institutions. The team will give an oral report on Wednesday morning March 2nd, in Tech 128. They will take no questions.

Constitution of the General Faculty – Revision. Dr. Alan Kaufman reported that the Faculty Constitution has been revised. Faculty should address their comments to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and it will be discussed and voted upon at the Faculty Conference on April 5th.

Dr. Mullaney thanked the faculty for their work on the First in the World Grant.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

“Core Principles for Transforming Remediation within a Comprehensive Student Success Strategy” – Dr. Mullaney talked about this document which was included in everyone’s packet. There was no discussion from the floor.

Curriculum Handbook – Dr. Ilene Kleinman and Professor Joan Dalrymple presented on the curriculum handbook which they are in the process of creating as a way of making the introduction/review of programs, courses, and options more systematic. Discussion ensued.

Academic Catalog – Dr. Ilene Kleinman and Professor Joan Dalrymple demonstrated the new academic catalog. Senators were pleased with many of the functions but had suggestions to make the catalog even better. Any ideas or corrections should be sent to Ilene.

Academic Programs – Dr. Tobyn DeMarco and Professor Brian Cordell presented information about academic programs. BCC has 88 programs which are officially recognized by the State. The BCC administration often refers to 144 programs. Looking at past catalogs a shift in descriptive language may be responsible for the discrepancy. Ad Hoc committees will need to be formed to investigate how the various uses of terms such as programs and options affect our students with financial aid, counseling, etc. The Senate will continue to work on this issue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT