

Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting on November 13, 2014

Members and Voting Alternates: R. Ben-Nun, S. Davis, A. McInerney, M. Pita, N. Reynoso, R. Shane, H. Skinner, S. Utakis, F. Moore, D-E. Matsoukas, J. Athanasourelis, L. Lawton, I. Petrovic, A. Lamazares, A. Lal, P. Kolozi, F. Blanchard, K. Ojakian, M. Jones, O. Littlehawk, L. Brenner, L. Rosario, K. Lee

Guest: S. Persinger

- 1) The meeting was called to order by F. Moore.
- 2) The agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 3) The minutes of October 16, 2014 meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 4) Announcements:
 - a) A hiring-freeze is in effect for administrators and substitute positions. The freeze does not apply to teaching faculty or the college lab technicians. Clarification is needed if the freeze is addressed to teaching substitute positions. F. Moore pointed out the need for exceptions with respect to some positions. For example, the lack of director of student life is against the benefit of our students since they may not be receiving the needed advice. The position of Vice President of Administration & Finance is currently vacant, and there may be no search until the new college president is in office. H. Skinner further emphasized the importance of filling positions that are needed and asked if there were cases of people transferred back to their original positions.
 - b) F. Moore announced that President Marti will provide a full report on college finances including an explanation of \$ 1.2 million fund shortage in the next senate meeting.
 - c) A. McInerney mentioned that SGA needs an advisor. While there is no rule in the college bylaws that precludes faculty from taking the duty of the advisor, SGA may have internal rules against administrators or faculty serving as the advisor. There are other positions central to student benefit such as the coordinator of tutoring, a substitute position. Therefore, a resolution is required so that the hiring freeze does not affect our students adversely.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Call for nominees for CCCRC (update):

A BCC Broadcast has been sent out recently. Thus far, nominations or self-nominations are short in numbers. This committee has three areas, each requiring three nominees. Thus, a total of nine candidates should be forwarded to the President.
 - b) Call for nominations to BCC Inc., Auxiliary Enterprises, SERC, and Student Faculty Disciplinary (update):

BCC Broadcast is expected to be sent out today. The meeting times and the extent of work required for each committee may vary significantly. F. Moore will provide more details with respect to the specific language of these committees. The council further discussed that the amount of time and work put into these committees are not recognized for reassigned time or promotions. A change in this in this aspect may lead to more productive outcome.

6) New Business:

Proposed rules for Senate Officer Elections (report from Governance and Elections):
A. McInerney presented revisions to the college governance plan, specifically the rules and procedures for the college senate. Thus far there have been no written documents specifying the rules of senate elections, but the elections followed precedents from previous senate elections. The proposed revisions are essentially codifications of these precedents. The first page of the distributed write-up presents a detailed event calendar of when elections take place. There is nothing novel about these except that they are now in writing. The terms of office are specified in IB. Part II specifies the rules on the election of senate officers. Previously office terms were not specified and it was unclear who would conduct the meeting in the beginning of the fall semester since the terms of newly elected senators would now start from the end of the spring semester. Criteria are provided to specify officers pro tempore who would assume the corresponding responsibilities (of the chair or the secretary) and also conduct the senate meeting until new officers are elected. Also the rule specifies that in corresponding September every two years, one meeting will be held for nominations and a second normal meeting for elections. IID describes the conduct of elections, such as the elimination of low vote getters when involving multiple nominees. III provides details of election procedures for senate committees. F. Moore requested that III be applied to faculty council as it is a committee separate from college senate.

7) Adjournment: 1:22 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Kyeng (Joe) Lee