Faculty Council Minutes
Reconvened Faculty Meeting
Friday, October 12, 2007
West Campus ET 124 A&B


Members Absent/Excused: Alan Clark, Youssef Bet Shahbaz, David Hattox, Raquel Tapia

Guests Present: Bruce Olson, Jerry Sansing, Mike Westegren, David Torres, Joseph Dudek, Diana Mareth, Sylvia Wells, Dana R. DeLaPlaine, Mary Ortiz Borchardt, Rose M. Caballero

I. Call to Order-Quorum established-CTO 2:15 pm
II. Opening Ceremonies/Presentations-none
III. Public Comments
   Jerry Sansing-Natural Sciences-distributed copy of request sent to Board of Regents (BoR)
   Bruce Olson-History – request that we respond to the proposals that have been presented before deadline
   Chairman suggested that we familiarize ourselves with the content.
IV. Approval of minutes-do so next month
V. Report from Chairman
   A. Memo drafted by Ondrejas to President
   B. Tom Matula-BAAS program discussed at meeting at TAMU-CC. Program geared toward administration and management. Students would be able to transfer 60 hours over to program.
   Program review report presented to Curriculum Committee
VI. Reports by Faculty Council Standing Committees
   A. Committee on Administrative and Staff Evaluation-None
   B. Committee on Faculty Evaluation and Academic Promotion-None
   C. Committee on Financial Concerns-None
   D. Promotion Appeals Selection Committee-None
   E. Rules Review Committee-None
VII. Reports by Faculty Council Ad-Hoc Committees
   Marivel Gonzales-Hernandez reported that QEPs are still being worked on
   Question posed – Adhoc Committees being formed by President-What about these appointed committees - still in place?
VIII. Reports by Faculty Council College Standing Committees
IX. Old Business
A. Adoption of Housekeeping Rules - Council addressed numbers 4 & 5
   5. Unexcused absence-add “In lieu of a written proxy,” Motion to accept Tom, 2nd Nancy. Passed by unanimous vote.
B. B6.32 Faculty Reemployment After Retirement Program
   Motion by Amorette to accept, 2nd by George. Passed by unanimous vote.
C. B615-Faculty Sabbatical Leave
   Approve policy pending timeline dates and language. Clarified. some confusion with wording. Officers meet to clarify language, email explanation
   Moved by George 2nd Marivel. Passed by unanimous vote.
D. B7.12 Student Complaint Policy
   No response received from president. Do we need to resubmit ? Address at proposed meeting with president before moved to constitution.
E. Possible Changes to Faculty Council Bylaws
   Suggested that we tfac the proposed constitution changes to eligible voting members prior to requesting ballots from David
   Rules committee prepare ballots, distribute ballots.
F. Possible Changes to Faculty Council Bylaws
   Can’t do this until constitution approved. Need to do this before election

X. New Business
A. Faculty Council Status
   Response to proposed policy revisions regarding Faultyc Council Status, shared governance (all the proposed changes) - FC is opposed to all of them. Especially the process.
   Shared governance- Question that this proposed policy change by Interim President is in violation of SACS requirements. Recommendation that we:
   Divide up the policies, formulate rationale for rejection / rewrite and present to Council. Approve these recommendations and send to Interim President as well as to the Board so both can be held accountable.
   Moved to accept George/2nd Tom
   Passed by unanimous vote.
B. Credentialing and Alternative Justification

No process for further review or appeal. We have requested the number of faculty members that are affected by this. No response.

Send this request again to Darlene Roberts, cc Interim President and Chair of Credentialing Committee

Moved by Anne 2nd Nancy /Passed by unanimous vote.

IX. Announcements

Anne-reinforce the importance of stating reasons why we do not approve the proposed policy changes

FC will have rep working with Dean Lopez and others to develop a plan to revise length of second summer session regarding number of days between fall semester.

Go into recess 2:00 next week – West Campus unless otherwise notified.

Laura send announcement to faculty

XII. Adjournment – 4:00 p.m.