Faculty Council Minutes-DRAFT  
Special Called Faculty Council Meeting  
Friday, January 18, 2008  
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Members Present:  
Stephen Ondrejas, Tom Matula, Amorette Garza, Renato Ramirez, Kennith Hanna,  
Raquel Tapia, Laura Day Brown, Marivel Gonzales-Hernandez, Anne Stewart, Nancy  
Bednar, Neil Flory, Yossef Bet Shahbaz, Alan Clark

Members Absent/Excused: George Martin, proxy to Tom Matula, Ruby Estrada, David  
Hattox

Guests Present: John Crisp, Mike Anzaldua, Ed Cohn, Gerald Sansing, Ann Thorn, Barb  
Craig, Elva Muniz

Call to Order: 1:07 p.m.  
Purpose of meeting: After hearing from the three adhoc committees, is there a need to  
review our position?

Announcements:  
Moved by Nancy Bednar, 2nd Marivel Gonzales-Hernandez that Faculty Council send a  
letter of condolence to the Duke family. Motion unanimously passed.

Trey McCampbell contacted Stephen about the Advisory Committee. They would meet  
to review all of the applicants.  
Committee would be comprised of 15 total members:  
4 Community members 2 Students 3 BOR  
1 Exempt 1 Non Exempt 2 Faculty Council  
1 At-large 1 Chair of Chair

Applications are due to Stephen by February 1st at noon.

Policy B6.18 - Faculty Personnel Records - the Council has no objection to the proposed  
changes. Officers will review

Policy A7.124 - Complaint on Grades - the Council has no objection to the proposed  
changes

Policy B2.4 - Standing Committees - the Council concurs with the stipulation that the  
words "and the Board of Regents" be added to the second sentence after the term College  
President

Policy B2.5 - Shared Governance - this policy is needed. The Council prefers the draft  
approved by the Chairs' Council in which the complete definition of shared governance is  
articulated. Council feels that the Chairs' Council version articulates the complete  
definition of shared governance in that the roles of the members is delineated
Moved by Renato to accept and recommend the third version of this policy. Nancy Bednar commented that this third version would also receive approval from SACS when reviewed. Unanimously approved by Council

Policy B6.5 - Separation of Promotion & Tenure - the Council appreciates and acknowledges the work of the committee, but do not endorse the separation of promotion and tenure. One of the main reasons of the coupling was the amount of paperwork required. The policies are already in place. If there is a problem with someone being promoted and receiving tenure, it should be handled at the administrative level, as there are many opportunities in the current process to do so. The Council encourages the Board to adhere to the existing policy.

Comment from Ann Thorn - Not the absence of a voice, it’s the venue of that voice. There is a policy in place for policy change. We need to follow our own rules. Follow the policy for policy change.

Moved that we as a council appreciate and acknowledge the work of the committee but do not endorse the separation of policy and tenure. We also encourage that they adhere to the existing policy. Moved by Renato, 2nd Youssef. All in favor

Encouraged attendance to the BOR meeting Jan29th

Next Faculty Meeting scheduled for Friday, the 8th - East Campus

Adjourned 3:00