Faculty Council Minutes-DRAFT
Regular Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2008
East Campus LIB 432

Members Present:

Members Absent/Excused: Alan Clark -proxy to Marivel Gonzales-Hernandez, David Hattox -proxy to Stephen Ondrejas, Raquel Tapia

Guests Present: Ed Cohn, Gerald Sansing, Ann Thorn, David Abarca, Bob Long, CM Tetzlaff-Bellhasen, Merry Bortz, Marjorie Villani, Joel McKinney, Joseph Dudek, Dolores Huerta, Benjamin Morin

I. Call to Order- 2:07 p.m.

II. Opening Ceremonies / Presentations

III. Public Comments
VPI Marjori - Formation of Committee to address the policies that have passed. Should we use the work of the three committees as a starting place?
6 person group - 4 faculty/2 chairs
Renato- is there a moratorium on the hiring of tenure track positions?
Nancy-process of promotion for new hires. How is that question going to be answered? There are guidelines already in place.
Ed Cohn- regarding that same question- should we use the work of the three committees /

IV. Approval of Minutes-Nancy moved to accept. 2nd -Anne Stewart. Motion passed. George Martin abstained.

V. Reports from Officers
Request to attend meeting scheduled with consultants

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
Committee looking at early retirement buyout package
D. Promotion Appeals Selection Committee-Anne Stewart report
Ballot: distribute this ballot to Faculty Council for selection today
E. Rules Review Committee-report next month / bylaws need to be amended in time for the election
VII. Reports by Faculty Council Ad-hoc Committees-none

VIII. Reports by Faculty Council College Standing Committees
   A. College Standing Committees
      Distance Learning- Nancy Bednar & Ed Cohn: committee discussing the
      adjustment to the existing fees and consideration of a new online platform.
      Some problems with WebCT.
   B. Committee on Committees-our recommendations need to include Sabbatical
      Committee. No requests submitted this year.
   C. Affirmative Action Committee: there will be online sexual harassment training
      that will be implemented as early next month. Upon completion of this training,
      employees will receive a certificate to be placed in our file.

IX. Old Business
   A. Policy Changes-Recommendations by Stephen Ondrejas
      1-keep policy changes as first item under Old Business
      2-revise transmittal page-2007-09/submit suggestions to Stephen Ondrejas
      3-contact BOR policy committee so Faculty Council could attend their
         meetings.
   B. Possible Changes to Faculty Council ByLaws-look for email - vote next
      month
   C. Credentialing Issues-three groups/still do not know the number of people that
      we are dealing with
      1-faculty pulled from classroom-need additional coursework
      2-faculty told that they need action plan
      3-faculty qualified-do not feel need to submit action plan
      Have any alternative justification plans been responded to?
      Yes - DMC goes the extra mile as far as credentialing, but at this point, are we
      trying to out SAC SACS ?
      Ed Cohn-There has been no response from administration. How many people are
      we talking about here ? Who has serious issues ?
      Ann Thorn-received feedback from Washington office of AAUP. This person
      reported that SACS is being less stringent, whereas the Administration is being
      more stringent. Why?
      Bob Long-have Math people evaluate Math faculty, etc.

X. New Business
   A. Nominations for Membership on Presidential Search Advisory Committee
      West- Tom Matula, George Martin, Raquel Tapia, Joe Dudek
      East-Phillip Davis, Amorette Garza, Merry Bortz, Leo Mc Aliley, Laura Day
         Brown
      Tom moved that the names read be moved forward to the Presidential Search
      Committee. 2nd Anne Stewart  Abstain: Laura Day Brown, Youssef Bet
         Shabbaz. Motion passed
   B. Ballot for Tenure and Promotion Committee- ballots distributed. Faculty
      Council voted
C. Election Ballot for Faculty Council Membership.
George Martin has list by department and area of those faculty members that are eligible. Request it from him.
Amend ballot to eliminate "write in candidate"
Three possible votes: Self nomination, narrowing down candidates, narrow down alternate

XI. Announcements-Request support/assistance for two Faculty Members after House Fire. Greg Spayd’s three sons (ranging from middle school age to first year in high school) are receiving some clothing assistance from their church. Primary donation needs include the following: non perishables, bottled water, sandwich fixings & funding assistance.

XII. Adjournment -3:40 p.m.