Faculty Council Minutes-DRAFT
Regular Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, May 2, 2008
West Campus  ET 124B

All Members Present:
Stephen Ondrejas, Tom Matula, Alan Clark, , Kennith Hanna, Laura Day Brown, Marivel Gonzales-Hernandez, Anne Stewart, Nancy Bednar, Raquel Tapia, Neil Flory, David Hattox, Youssef Bet Shahbaz, Renato Ramirez, Amorette Garza,

Members Absent/Excused: George Martin, proxy to Tom Matula, Ruby Estrada, proxy to Kennith Hanna

Guests Present: VPI Marjorie Villani, John Crisp, Eliosa Garcia, Vernon Kramer, Merry Bortz, Ben Gregory, Doug Jordan, Becky Flores

I. Call to Order- 2:11 p.m.

II. Opening Ceremonies / Presentations:
John Crisp: discussed the formation of a task force of 8 members. Task is to meet this summer and articulate what our desire is for shared governance. Committee's desire is one of openness, transparency, feedback and input, both formal and informal. Part 2 is to look at other institutions' process of shared governance. Plan is to have this document in place by Fall 2008.

III. Public Comments: none

IV. Approval of Minutes- David Hattox asked that under Announcements, item C. that "department" be changed to "Business, Professional & Technology." Nancy Bednar moved to accept. 2nd - Second: Anne Stewart / Motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports from Officers
Stephen Ondrejas-Asked that one other member join Merry Bortz on the Recruitment and Retention committee. Renato Ramirez agreed.
Tom Matula-Met with Interim President Joe Alaniz and VPI Villani. One issue that came up was what is the Faculty Council's roll regarding shared governance?

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

Presidential Selection Advisory Committee: Raquel reported that the committee met on Monday and the 28 candidates were narrowed down to 5. The five candidates would be invited to campus for meeting in person and tour of the campus. Several Council representatives expressed concern about getting to question the candidates when they were here. Was there going to be a forum? Council was assured that no steps would be overlooked regarding this process. This process would be happening the first part of June.

VIII. Reports by Faculty Council College Standing Committees

A. College Standing Committees- QEP committee met. The development of the QEP is right on schedule if not ahead of schedule. Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez asked the Council if they were open to expanding the QEP to include all three developmental areas; English, Reading & Math instead of the initial intent to build QEP around Math concerns. All Council members agreed with Committee. The Committee would be finalizing this in the next 30 days and would be submitting this to SACS.

Distance Learning- Nancy Bednar - Committee met on the 24th and discussed the new course management system. It will be moved Blackboard 6.0 and then to 8.0. This upgrade will greatly improve the efficiency of the online course management as far as communication and grading.

B. Committee on Committees- Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez added Robert Mulienberg to Advising and Sarah Caplan to Library.

Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez moved that we accept the new committee assignments. Second Alan Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Affirmative Action Committee: none

D. Cultural Arts Committee: Trio Globo was a success.

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business

New Faculty Council Rep. list: David Hattox requested that "Business" heading be changed to "Business, Professional & Technology," and the new terminology be reflected in the other two divisions.

Corrections to phone numbers, names made to several representatives

XI. Announcements-

A. Anne Stewart - Affirmative Action question for Marivel Gonzalez-Hernandez

B. Nancy - question about faculty salaries? Renato Ramirez said he would meet with Interim Pres. Joe Alaniz along with Finance Committee to discuss this. David Hattox expressed concern that we address change that would benefit every Faculty member instead of just the ones that have been here 19 years. Increase base instead of add another step. Also need to address Adjunct pay again.
C. Stephen - may take advantage of early retirement, so he will not be completing his third year on his term. In that case, Ed Cohn would replace Stephen Ondrejas as the Business Faculty Council Rep.

XII. Adjournment -2:54 p.m