

Minutes

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

June 11, 2012

- I) May minutes approved
- II) Faculty BOT presentations
 - A) June presentation: Phi Theta Kappa. Lisa volunteers to present.
ACTION ITEM: Lisa McGarity will email Charlotte PTK rep and Sandra Seifert, PTK rep on Hendry Glades, to see if they want to co-present. Bill was asked to ~~will~~ submit appropriate paperwork to get Lisa on the list of presenters, and said he preferred not listing people by name or necessarily specifying a single topic as a way of allowing faculty to present and comment on items that arise suddenly. Edison Writes will defer until the fall.
 - B) **ACTION ITEM:** The Executive Committee will develop a few ideas for future presentations and send them to Bill in the next week. He will use these as examples when he sends out a call to all faculty for potential presentation topics.
- III) New President - Faculty Senate and Union need to prioritize our needs and develop a list of our issues *quickly* to share with the new president:
 - A) VPAA: Reinitiate search immediately
 1. Faculty should drive the assessment process or else administrators will necessarily take control as external governing bodies call for more "accountability."
 2. Full-time assessment *faculty* position needs to be reinstated to coordinate with administrative Director of Assessment. Assessment budget, as well, needs to be brought back.

3. Each department needs to decide on their own how they will conduct assessment, with faculty coordinating departments' efforts campus-wide.
- B) REAL shared governance -- As committees are formed, each and every one should have administrators, staff, and faculty on board. Examples:
1. Academic calendar possibly an issue (overlap between duty days and class schedule, alteration of pay schedule), particularly when there was little faculty input in its development. We may want to include language in our new contract about having input on the calendar committee. In the meantime, this might be a topic to bring up with Russell Watjen. **ACTION ITEM:** Lisa McGarity will email Bill her comments/conclusions on the 2012-13 calendar, which were previously submitted to Billy Silva and Erin Harrell in February.
 2. New student code of conduct has been written, seemingly without faculty input to this point.
 3. SPD committee needs to be reformed with faculty and administrators.
 4. COP needs to be rewritten/revised under shared government
- C) Increase visibility and power of Faculty Senate.
1. Reform committee structure so that committees report to Faculty Senate (as they once did).
 2. Revisit bylaws and structure of Faculty Senate in general (i.e., to include committee chairs on executive committee).
 3. Need to get Faculty Senate president/representative on the BOT (staff and student rep would be ideal, as well).
 4. Faculty Senate president should get a release equal to that of department chairs.
- E) Negotiate releases for department and committee chairs and Faculty Senate president.
- F) Communications Office needed -- better public communication regarding issues that impact faculty (ie, committee meeting schedules, minutes, etc.). "Its on the Portal" isn't always sufficient. Need websites and email alerts.

- G) Building safety issues on Collier and Lee (and probably Hendry-Glades – need to get tested): we need to fix old buildings before we build new ones. Request short- and long-term plans for old building rehab/repair.
 - H) In accordance with new internal audit office, we request more departmental oversight of lab fees (that monitoring lab fee balance be the role of a departmental liason).
 - I) Faculty should assume more direct responsibility for TLC.
- IV) Professor Ransford will resign from his position as Lee County Faculty Senate President and send announcement to President Allbritten.
- A) Marty will chair Senate meeting during August duty days. Faculty will be notified then that a vote for a new president will take place during the September Senate meeting.
 - B) Unfair Labor Practices: plan is for Union to meet with the President and seek a compromise on outstanding dispute over "unfair labor practices" involving chair teaching releases and adjuncts over-working.
- VI) Next meeting – Monday, June 25th, 1 PM, TLC