

Collier Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2010

Faculty Members Present: President Jim Daniels, Vice President Lisa McGarity, Secretary Michael Chiacchiero, Joan VanGlabek, Deborah Johnson, Roberta Moore, Jay Koepke, Jim Langlas, Katie Paschall, Anne Angstrom, Marius Coman

Dr. Daniels called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

Minute Approval – Professor Paschall motioned to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Daniels, and approved.

Committee Reports

Professional Development – Professor Paschall said that there are now Workshop Question Sheets that go along with the TLC workshop videos for professional development. The question sheets will be located in the TLC with the videos.

Sunshine Committee – Dr. McGarity made a cake to celebrate the November birthday of Dr. Less Sutter. She also talked about the Christmas exchange scheduled for Friday, December 10th. She would like everyone to email her (lmcgarity@edison.edu) with 3 gift ideas (each under \$10). Professor Moore said that our student assistant Holly Luttmann will be leaving at the end of this semester. Professor Moore would like to get her a card and collect money from the faculty as a gift to give her in December.

New Dean Position – Faculty members raised some serious concerns over the current search and selection process for the new dean position. Some faculty members feel very strongly that they are being cut out of the initial candidate selection process. The current search seems very rushed and faculty also noted the lack of diversity in the candidates that have been selected for the initial interviews. There are questions as to why the Collier campus hiring process is different than the Lee campus process. It was suggested by some that our campus needs a more formalized process. A process where if faculty want to give feedback to the hiring committee, the faculty should be told “this is what you do and this is how you do it.”

Parking – Dr. VanGlabek said that Collier Campus Security, Nicole Flesvig, and Dr. Allbritten did a great job dealing with the parking situation that resulted from the construction of the new campus buildings. She said that everything was well organized and everyone agreed that the J parking lot was a great area to assign for faculty parking.

Old Business – In the area of technology, Dr. Daniels said that now is the time to ask for Windows 7 if we want to have that operating system added to our campus computers.

Professor Jim Langlas said that the Creative Expressive Club is having a talent show Tuesday and Wednesday (November 9th and 10th) starting at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

Dr. VanGlabek is still working on resolving the graduation issue. The issue is that the Collier campus graduation will be on a Sunday. While it is a requirement of all faculty to attend this event, the date of the graduation takes us outside of our 166 duty days. This is a violation of the contract on the part of the school. The request made for either receiving a floating holiday or an extra days pay was met with an unrealistic alternative. The union will continue working to reach a satisfactory outcome.

New Business – Dr. McGarity said that Phi Theta Kappa is still taking applicants for this semester. The requirements are that the student has at least 12 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.2. The GPA requirement will be raised to 3.5 starting next semester.

Dr. McGarity also said that there is a canned food drive going on until 11/24/10. The food collected will benefit the St. Matthew's House. See her for more details.

Closing – Dr. McGarity made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Daniels seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm.