

Minutes

Lee Campus Faculty Senate Meeting

Oct. 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M.

The first order of business was the approval of September minutes. Prof. Ambrose moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

Next, Jason Dudley, Director of Technology, addressed the Senate on the issue of the email, Portal and Canvas problems that we've experienced this past week. He let the faculty know that we will be migrated to Outlook during the course of the next week, and that would help with Portal being overloaded. He told the Senate that Canvas was untethered from Portal this past week, and a back-up authentication service was currently being put into place to prevent lack of access in case of one server's failure. The Portal problems are due to complications from a Java upgrade and a subsequent patch that the IT department is currently trying to work around. The process of installing new hardware, which will correct this problem, should be complete by next week. Faculty suggestions included getting text updates on technology issues, as well as creating a log of Portal outages against which we could verify student claims about technology outages. Mr. Dudley stated that faculty with individual problems or concerns could contact him personally for assistance.

The next order of business was to address Faculty Senate Bylaw and documentation issues. Prof. Weir called for a revision of the bylaws and a central location for housing past minutes and agendas. A motion was made that faculty present at the meeting today vote to certify the election results from last April. The motion was seconded. After discussion which included a verification that all but one set of minutes from the previous year were on file, a vote was called. The motion passed with a vast majority. A motion was made to uphold September's election of Prof. Weir as Senate president. The motion was seconded, a vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously. In follow-up discussion, a faculty member stated that Faculty Senate clearly has integrity, and the error with elections was a minor bump in the road.

Dr. Jester announced her resignation as Phi Theta Kappa advisor and called for any interested faculty to contact her for more information about taking over her role.

Dr. Swanson announced the Fall Symposium, to be held October 26th in the VIP room at Barbara B. Mann, from 3-5 PM. The topic will be Sex.

Prof. Weir discussed the need for Faculty Senate to take up the issue of Dr. Allbritten's restructuring plan. She stated that restructuring was affecting the role of Senate. For example, standing committees will now be reporting to Senate. A suggestion was made to hold a meeting at 1:30 PM, Oct. 10. Prof. Weir would work on determining a time and place, and would send an email with more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.