

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday 10/27/17

1:00 – 2:00

Attendees:

Lee: 40

Charlotte: 2

Collier: 6

H/G: 3

Total Count: 51

Locations: Thomas Edison U 102, Charlotte O 118, Collier G 109, H/G A 114

- i. Agenda Adoption: Mary Myers, Marty Jenner Motion Passed.
- ii. Minutes (April 2017 Meeting) Adoption: Frank Dowd, Mary Myers Motion Passed.
- iii. Action Items:
 - a. Election Results:

Motion to confirm the nomination of Dr. Russell Swanson as Continuing Contract Committee Chair: Marty Ambrose, Dale Hover Motion Passed.
 - b. Gen Education Council – Prof. Don Ranford presenting: Don Ransford, the General Education Advisory Council Chair, addressed FSW’s General Education requirements, and proposed changes to the FSW College Catalog in support of alternative pathways to earning an AA at FSW. A major concern among faculty about the proposed changes is the elimination of the oral communication course requirement for students who begin the AA Program as majors in Health Sciences. The Florida Department of Education does not require Speech as part of the Gen. Ed. Curriculum at Florida colleges and universities. Per Don, the criteria for earning a B.S. has not changed, but providing alternative pathways opens the door for creative combinations in terms of course requirements. The General Education Advisory Council will identify criteria for courses with special designations, i.e., writing intensive, oral communications, and International or Diversity, and General Education Core. The council will vet the results through the Curriculum Committee. Myra Walters suggested that the designation be submitted to the academic

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departments first, and then to the Curriculum Committee. Don assured the senate that departmental representatives serving on the council will submit the identified designations to all academic departments.

- c. Curriculum Committee Handbook: Mary Myers, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, suggested that the chair not represent his/her school in order to facilitate neutrality. Per Martin, the Faculty Senate gives autonomy to academic committees. For example, proposals submitted to Curriculum Committee are only information items to the senate. The Faculty Senate voted on adopting the new Curriculum Committee Handbook. The motion passed, all in favor.
- ii. Committee Updates: See above.
- iii. Information Items:
 - a. Adaptive Services update – Dr. Martin Tawil: Dr. Davis disapproved of the proposed faculty appeals of Adaptive Services accommodations process, but said that professors could appeal to their academic deans and Dr. Davis about adaptive services accommodations concerns. Per Dr. Davis, Adaptive Services staff will begin training at the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. Lisa McGarity asked if we must let students go to the restroom while taking an exam. Per Martin, we need to confer with Director of Testing Services, Denise Swafford, regarding Testing Services policies, especially if policies differ across campuses.
 - b. Technology Update – Jason Dudley: Jason Dudley did not attend the meeting.
- iv. Faculty Updates:
 - a. Per Marty Jenner, Professor of Nursing Susan Torres is now on the Board of Florida Nurses; the Nursing Program received full accreditation for eight years; and Marty wants the new Health Professions Dean to be a nurse.
- v. New Business:
 - a. Faculty expressed concern about janitorial staff entering restrooms while people are using the bathroom, rather than waiting for the restroom to be empty to clean it.

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- b. Don Ransford asked if the college would purchase an FSW Bucs van for student-faculty events, such as the Math Olympics, an event for which the Math Club is paying for two vehicles to attend. Martin will inquire with the Provost.
- c. Make-up Exams for Ground Courses at Campus Testing Centers: Martin reported this issue as undecided between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.
- d. Refund for Professional Travel: Faculty reported experiencing delays and challenges in terms of receiving reimbursement for professional travel, including the purchase of airfare and renting hotel rooms. Martin will address this issue the next meeting Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting with the Provost.

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Bishop, Myra Walters Motion Passed.