

Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 18, 2019

1:00 -2:00 PM

Locations: Thomas Edison AA 177; Charlotte E 105; Collier G 109; H/G A 106

Quorum: A quorum of 44 people was noted by Frank Dowd.

i. Agenda Adoption: Moved by Prof. R. Harris; Seconded by Dr. H. Hermann; adopted.

ii. Minutes Adoption: Moved by Prof. K. Roy; Seconded by Dr. H. Hermann, adopted.

1/16/18 minutes approved with note to correct the name of Chief of Public Safety, Anthony "Tony" Giaimo. The name was spelled correctly, so the minutes will not be corrected.

iii. Action Items

a. Approved Prof. JoAnne Devine as new Faculty Senate Representative from the School of Education.

iv. Committee / College Updates:

a. Professional Development Committee Report by Dr. Rebecca Gubitti

Dr. Gubitti reported on new rubrics and a change in scoring applications for professional development grants, to try to accommodate everyone, and the differing requirements. Because the budget is limited to \$45,000, and has been for several years, the committee has now lowered the cap on grants from \$3,000 to \$1,500 for a year. Much discussion ensued regarding the need for much more money and the need to consolidate research and professional development funding. Dr. Gubitti noted that many attempts had been made to get more money, all to no avail. It was noted that Dr. Stewart had wanted to centralize all grant money, and suggestions were made that perhaps faculty could negotiate for more grant money in the upcoming contract.

b. One Book One College Committee Report by Dr. Don Ransford

Dr. Ransford noted that the book chosen is *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*, by Yuval Noah Harari. Ransford is setting up a Canvas Course on the book, and people will be invited to participate. Different chapters of the book can be used in different study areas, and faculty can post their ideas as to how to use the book in their classes, and how to incorporate it into class. He noted that all Cornerstone students would be receiving a paperback copy, and that leftover books will be given to Department chairs, and others developing curricula. Faculty can use critical thinking sites to promote the book. He wants to create a grid showing how people are using the book. It was suggested that when the plan is ready, it should be sent to everyone. The plan will be finalized soon, along with requests for people to join appropriate committees and work groups.

v. Information Items

a. *Portfolium* (software program) was presented by Rebecca Yost and Dr. Melissa Rizzuto

Portfolium was presented as a software program that individuals could use now, and that the presenters were suggesting the college purchase, in order to better help faculty develop and track their continuing contract portfolios. The software is free to individuals but the version they are proposing costs about \$20,000 annually. Yost and Rizzuto noted that they had studied many similar programs and that they were recommending that the Faculty Senate endorse it for adoption in the next review cycle, i.e. 2019-2020. The Academic Technology Committee has reviewed it, as have campus focus groups and department chairs. Unfortunately, they were not able to give a graphic presentation as IT had not set up the room to allow them to do so. Links to their presentation on the program will be sent out, and faculty can give their opinions at February Faculty Senate Meeting.

b. Association of Florida Colleges. This presentation was postponed to the February meeting.

c. Attendance Verification Change.

Dr. Tawil noted that attendance verification is open now for the next four weeks.

d. Rank and Promotion Update.

Dr. Tawil noted that an ad hoc committee to study the issues has been formed, chaired by Dr. DeLuca. The first meeting will take place Friday, January 25, 2019.

vi. Faculty Updates

Dr. Gina Doeble informed Dr. Tawil that Public Safety Chief Tony Giaimo resigned, effective December 31, 2018. Captain Reginald Mitchell is Acting Chief. Public Safety is studying how to implement speed bumps for Lot 7. Signage for U Building parking will be installed January 21st. Anti-vaping signs are on order.

It was noted that Dr. Michelle Fanslau Wright died recently, and that a memorial service will be held for her January 26th.

Prof. Cindy Enslin is recovering well.

vii. New Business

Prof. Alissa Callahan has set up a *Go Fund Me* page for the family of one of their students who was tragically killed in an automobile hit and run accident

Dr. Gubitti noted several safety issues, including the issue of U Building being unlocked on Sundays, and that faculty should be notified if they have students in their classrooms who pose a potential threat. Some discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding an ice machine and the safety of public water fountains on campus, whether they are filtered or not.

viii. Adjournment

Tim Bishop moved to adjourn.