

Edison State College Faculty Senate

Minutes

Friday, February 3, 2012
1:00 p.m. AA- 177, Lee Campus

Type of Meeting: Special District Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Prof. Don Ransford, District Faculty Senate President

I. Call to order – Opening Remarks from the Senate President

The Faculty Senate will be a standing item on the Board of Trustees Agenda; we no longer have to ask permission to publicly speak to the Board at meetings.

At the February meeting, Wendy Chase and Catherine Wilkins will present.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 30, October 7, October 13, and November 4 meetings in 2011

Motion to approve minutes. Seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Billee Silva, District Registrar

A. 2012-2013 Academic Calendar

Grades are due after Commencement in May because of duty day requirements.

B. Other

Attendance verification is important for Financial Aid. Affects student funding.

Grades – be cognizant of when they are due. Switch from 4:30 to 12:30. A lot of problems if grades do not get in on time.

Discussion of late adds past certain dates. There are reasons why students cannot be added late.

There needs to be an extenuating circumstance for a student to change sections. The Registrar's office does not deny – a request is denied for incomplete forms or for other reasons pertaining to the student.

IV. Pat Newell, Student Services Dean, on the College Mission

The SACS review recommended that the College Mission Statement be less generic and more specifically about Edison State College.

4.5 – Feb 16 and 17 – Humanities Colloquium – Many interesting events – see the blast

Wide range of topics – Sustainability, literature, music, history,

www.edison.edu/newhumanity

Contact Wendy Chase or Catherine Wilkins for more information.

V. New College Operating Procedure for Community Public Service Events

Committee of five created 3.3.1.5 policy for involving outsiders in College events – ten procedures outline on policy.

Comment – the Faculty Senate recommends that someone from the Foundation Office be appointed in coordination of event specifics to assist so that faculty are not event planners.

On next month's agenda of the Board of Trustees, we may want to put forth this recommendation. marobertson@edison.edu for comments or concerns

VI. Faculty Representation on Upcoming Search Committees

A. District President

a. Originally, five names were selected. The Board has since asked for nine people.

b. Nine: Wendy Chase, Frank Dowd, Sam King, Amanda Pollitt, Joyce Rollins, Peggy Romeo, Joan Van Glaabek, Myra Walkers

i. We may submit another name from Charlotte.

ii. Decision to be made next week.

Committee will be in place by the end of the month.

Comment – VPAA position before President position seems odds.

Comment – Getting as much done before June to impress upon SACS that we are doing as much as we can

- B. Others (Dean of Arts & Sciences; VP Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, College Foundation; Director of Assessment; VP-AA; Dean, School of Health Sciences; Dean, School of Nursing; Director, IT; etc.)
- C. College Operating Procedure for Selecting Search Committees? - this came up at a SACS subcommittee meeting – the committee is making this recommendation

Comment – should this be an item on the next address to the board

Comment – make a list on the Portal of people on any given search committee – this would provide transparency

VII. Salary Negotiations Update

Marty – Mr. Goodlette met with Marty and Ellie

Salary is restored to what it was in 2011. Retro 3% on February 15 check.

1% nonrecurring increase on base salary. Will be on the end of February check.

Faculty are encouraged to check their paychecks.

It has been congenial; it is no longer rancorous. We have been to the table with 8 different people in the past 6 years.

Negotiations start in two months for the next contract.

We are moving forward with cautious optimism.

VIII. List of Full-Time Faculty by Division, Department, Campus, etc.

Don developed the list.

Anyone with changes or additions is asked to contact Don.

- IX. Committee to Review Models of Faculty Senate Structures and their Roles within the College (Don Ransford, James Daniels, Mike Witty, Amanda Pollitt, Tina Ottman, David Luther)

Brought up at January meeting. Other names were on the list of names of people who had originally wanted to work on the Constitution of the Senate.

X. Equality Edison Committee (Russell Swanson, Frank Dowd, Don Ransford, others)

Looking at domestic partner benefits and other things like the climate survey.

XI. New business

Question regarding the procedures: What is the appropriate procedure for choosing the department chairs. Who is eligible?

Consultation with the faculty never occurred. There has to be a process. We are going to ask for that to be defined.

Comment – a faculty senate committee can develop guidelines of processes for selections of chairs.

Question about Health Services Survey.

XII. Adjournment

XIII.