Collier Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes August 19, 2010

Faculty Members Present: Vice President Lisa McGarity, Secretary Michael Chiacchiero, Joan VanGlabek, Deborah Johnson, Kathy Clark, Katie Paschall, Roberta Moore, Anne Angstrom, Jay Koepke, Christina Ottman, Marius Coman, Jim Langlas, Tatiana Arzivian, Miriam Mompoint, Yuliy Lebedev

The meeting was led by Faculty Senate Vice President Dr. Lisa McGarity and called to order at 1:38pm

Minute Approval – Professor Clark motioned to approve the minutes from the last Senate meeting. Professor Paschall seconded the motion, which was approved.

Recognition of Summer Birthdays – The following faculty were recognized for having a birthday in one of the months May through August: Marius Coman, Deborah Johnson, Anne Angstrom, Katie Paschall, Yuliy Lebedev, and Miriam Mompoint.

Recognition of New Faculty – The following professors were recognized as new additions to the faculty of the Collier campus: Miriam Mompoint, Yuliy Lebedev, Tatiana Arzivian, and Jim Langlas.

Sunshine Committee – The Social Committee will now be known as the Sunshine Committee. Its members include Professor Ottman and Dr. McGarity. This committee's general purpose is to make the faculty feel welcomed by recognizing milestone events (birthdays, birth of a new child, etc.) and to plan and implement social events for the faculty.

It was asked that everyone contribute \$10 to this committee for expense purposes. Professor Ottman collected the money and recorded the names of contributors.

The committee is in the planning stages for future events.

Professor Ottman suggested a night of bowling and drinks or a late fall Rookery Bay boat outing.

Dr. McGarity suggested a gathering for wine & cheese.

Finalized decisions on the type of gatherings along with dates and times are to come.

Ratification of Contract – Dr. VanGlabek recapped the outcome from the bargaining between the ESC Faculty Federation and the BOT bargaining team. A result of the bargaining was a faculty salary increase. She stated that an explanation of this increase was also sent by Ellie Bunting to all faculty via email.

Dr. McGarity suggested we get Dr. Walker a gift as a way to thank him for his vision and effort to keep the faculty in the top 10% of well paid college faculty in the state of Florida. All in attendance appeared to be in agreement.

Edison State College Catalog (2010 – 2011) – Dr. McGarity spoke about her discovery of incorrect index numbering in the College Catalog. No other faculty members spoke of finding errors in the catalog.

Attendance Verification – Dr. McGarity recapped the reasons why attendance verification was important and reminded the faculty about our responsibility to post a date of last attendance for students receiving a grade of F.

Professor Paschall mentioned that if a student never attended a class and receives a grade of F, the only option currently is to state that the student attended on the first day of class. Professor Johnson proposed that we have a way to indicate that a student never attended a class.

Dr. VanGlabek informed the senate that there is currently a committee working on the issue.

Professor Ottman reminded us that attendance verification was due by Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Committee Reports

TLC - The Collier TLC was furnished and decorated by Dr. Koepke and Professor Ottman. Further upgrades are to come with additional computer connectivity technology and a flat screen television.

Professional Development Committee – Professor Paschall (Chair) and Professor Ottman are members of this committee. They will be taking ideas for brown bag lunches (informal gatherings where someone presents a topic of interest and the attending faculty has a discussion of the topic over lunch). Professor Paschall reminded everyone who attends a brown bag lunch to hold on to their certificate of participation because it is used as evidence of professional development during their evaluation.

QEP, SACS, FYE – Professor Clark gave a short rundown of the progress being made in the QEP and said that if anyone had any questions about SACS, the QEP, or FYE to go directly to her anytime with questions.

Sabbaticals – Dr. VanGlabek said that a committee was working on the details of the terms and conditions of faculty taking sabbaticals.

Other Issues – Dr. VanGlabek informed us (in particular for the new faculty) about the possibility of bookstore issues. For example, students coming to class on the first day with the incorrect textbooks because of incorrect ordering at the bookstore.

Closing – Dr. VanGlabek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Professor Moore seconded the motion, which was approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.