

## Faculty Senate Minutes

Meeting September 10, 2009

**Members Present:** Bryon Steinwand, Rob Yaw, George Sonnenberg, Barbara Yahvah, Harold Kelly, Mike Ceartin, Candace Pescosolido, Karmen Williams, Sheri Marchand-Smith, Mary Ann Ziesler, Karen Raphael-Conley, Tricia Tyhurst, Steve Lewis, John Hartman, Kim Haughee, Viktor Shchuchinov, Michelle Holt, Mike Cronin, Nathan Munn, Alex Shrek.

Art Warner Presiding.

Minutes from 8/09 meeting were approved with corrections made to the members present portion.

1. **Communications:** Report on ECOS w/Dean of College.
  - A review and explanation of the format and make-up of the College Council was held. This council meets once per month.
  - Candace represented Faculty Senate and gave an explanation of the reason the Council was developed.
  - A discussion was held on the new structure for committees. It was recommended that the ASCR Committee and the IT Committee be added to the list of committees, so that participants will be acknowledged for the work that is completed.
  
2. **Reports of Committees:**
  - Professional Development** – Mike Cronin gave an explanation of the Professional Development Committee.
    - The question of re-election was discussed and Mike will verify terms and how many positions will be available.
    - Mike Brown reported that there is a total budget of \$35,000 in the professional Development fund, it is available to both staff and faculty and is distributed by an application process.
    - The Faculty Support Center – George Sonnenberg will remain for another year as coordinator, the contract has been presented, signed and returned.
  
  - Academic Standards** – Barbara Yahvah reported on the duties of that committee and stated that for the next meeting she would verify the positions that are up for elections.
    - Barbara also stated that she would be posting the end of year report on the website.
    - A new AAS-Interior Design/Space Planning Program has been approved.
    - A discussion on course substitutions was held, and information on the policy will be distributed via email.
  
3. **By-law Changes:** Candace reported on the By-law changes on pages 7 & 5. A motion was proposed to approve the strike through portions on the listed pages. A vote was held and passed.

4. **Vice-President Election** – Candace Pescosolido was nominated for the position. John H. called for an acclamation, Steve L. seconded, vote was called and passed. Candace Pescosolido is the new Vice-President.
  
5. **New Business:**
  - John Hartman accepted the position of Parliamentarian.
  - Candace reported on a website PP360.com, which is a professional development software, everyone is encouraged to explore the website and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
  - Bryon S. is still working on the Faculty Senate Blog and will report on the status at the next meeting.
  - Tricia T. reported on the Merit award and presented a handout of the procedures. The date for submission has been extended until November 15<sup>th</sup>, and everyone that has eligibility was encouraged to apply.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Tricia Tyhurst, Office Technology