

Faculty Senate Meeting
October 8, 2009

Members Present: Art Warner, Bryon Steinwand, Barbara Yahvah, Janice Bacino, George Sonnenberg, Viktor Shchuchinov, Mike Cronin, Nathan Munn, Candace Pescosolido, Michelle Holt, Karmen Williams, Sheri Smith, Tricia Tyhurst. Karen Raphael-Conley.

Art Warner presiding
Minutes were approved.

ASCR – Report – Two meetings, new courses approved. (If interested please see ASCR meeting minutes.)
The committee is still working on a procedures and curriculum manual.

Next year, a database is being explored, in order to house information that multiple sources can access. This will provide information that can be obtained by any group that needs to review the information, this will help eliminate duplication of requests to faculty members. The ASCR student member for this academic year is John Adams.

Professional Development – Mike Cronin is exploring various professional development activities he will be posting items to the blog to obtain comments.

1. **Librarian** – Janice Bacino came and presented items in regards to the Library and their new procedures and offerings. The Board of Regents approved a library fee, so the library will have an influx of money to update resources for the library. Only resources are allowed to be purchased with that fee funding. Janice also informed the Senate on the procedures on purchasing collections that will support their programs.
2. **BLOG** – Bryon Steinwand gave a presentation regarding the blog that has been setup for the Faculty Senate. All members were sent a link so that faculty are able to log-on. This blog option will facilitate communication with all members, and will help faculty who are unable to attend. Adjuncts were also contacted and there is an interest and adjuncts have been invited to join. Bryon gave a demonstration on how to log on and use the blog.
3. **PD360.com** – a demonstration of the website present. It was decided that Tricia Tyhurst would complete the paperwork requesting the money to purchase the program from the Professional Development Committee. Once that process is complete we will then proceed on developing a listing of appropriate courses.
4. **Membership to ASCR** – Barbara Yahvah was elected to the ASCR committee.
5. The By-laws have been corrected and posted to the website.
6. Karmen Williams, and George Sonnenberg have been appointed to the Academic Calendar Committee. Ideas for the Academic Calendar 2010-2011 will be posted to the blog. Members are encouraged to participate.
7. **Institutional Committee for Tenure** – A discussion was held on what committees are counted toward tenure. The Senate will address the different committees that are not listed on the

institutional list, the Senate will address that all committees will count. Faculty are concerned that Academic Standards be considered an Institutional Committee. ECOS will discuss a listing of all committees that are in the institution.

8. A discussion was held on the proposal of a common hour from 12-1, where no classes will be held in order to facilitate students and faculty to attend meetings and other activities. A blog topic will be posted and held for discussion.
9. A motion was made that all institutional committee minutes be sent to Faculty Senate.
10. The use of the Lecture Hall was a topic of discussion it was recommended that if any faculty member have comments, those comments should be posted on the blog – this topic is already listed on the blog, and will review the comments at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Tricia Tyhurst