

Faculty Senate Minutes 9.27.06

Faculty Present: Rudy Beharrysingh, Randy McCall, Ceretta Davis, Carolyn Porter, Tony Belcher, Wanda Morris, Ron Poor, Connie Gregory, Debbie Ray

President Rudy Beharrysingh called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Distance Learning

Carolyn Porter from the Distance Learning committee was at the meeting to address some of the issues from the previous faculty senate meeting. She stated that the Distance Learning committee has some of the same concerns that were raised at the last faculty senate meeting and the committee is addressing those concerns, as well as others. Carolyn also stated that the committee wanted to be sure that the faculty senate and the distance learning committee were communicating. She asked if there were any other questions or concerns to take back to her committee. One question in particular was raised and that was “if it would be possible to take a class (not just a workshop here and there) to properly prepare instructors to effectively teach online classes and possibly have a lighter teaching load of traditional classes?”

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.

New Construction/Building Plans

President Beharrysingh spoke briefly about the meeting for input on the new building soon to begin on campus. He stated that some good ideas came out of the meeting and were presented to Dr. Groves. He also gave an update about construction and upgrades at the satellite campuses.

Faculty Parking

The faculty parking issue was discussed and the general consensus was that the issue at hand was mainly enforcement, or lack thereof. The main question being: Do we have enough security to enforce parking, or other situations, if they should arise. While those present readily acknowledged that the security officer often wears many hats, and cannot be everywhere at once, it is not the place of the faculty to police the parking lot. One suggestion was to either handle by enforcement or by access. President Beharrysingh will take the issue to the Instructional Administration.

TOPS

Teaching Our Peers. This was carried over from last year. President Beharrysingh asked if faculty wanted to continue these presentations. While not much of a response was given, it was decided that the secretary of the senate would conduct a poll of the faculty to see if enough interest, both in presenting and attending, was worth moving forward. The results would be presented at the next faculty senate meeting.

Other

President Beharrysingh gave a reminder about the SACS update meeting for each of the Divisions. He also gave a handout about the Antispam website that was sent by David Kochersberger, which should be of interest to faculty.

The next faculty senate meeting date (most likely early November) will be forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary