

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes Friday, Jan. 29 11:00 Mahood Conference Room

Attendance: Rodney Montague, Shelia Sargent-Martin, Darrel Thompson, Terene Stiltner, Michelle Cofer, Tamara Ferguson, Norm Mirsky, Dharshanna Arachchi, Adam Ozyavas, Geoff Hunter, Darrel Malamisura, Tina Nicholson, Luciano Picanco, Roy Pruett, Shelia Gates, and Mike Lilly. Dr. Connor attended as visitor.

I. Call to Order

II. Roy Pruett made motion to approve Jan. 15 meeting minutes; Luciano Picanco seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

III. Old Business

Dr. Connor stepped out in order for the senate to discuss the proposed letter for the President and BOG. Picanco made a motion to approve and send the letter; Roy Pruett seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Senators discussed declining enrollments and possible impact on budgets. Connor explained numbers of indicated interest are up, but Malamisura explained that the data doesn't indicate who will actually enroll in the fall. Montague pointed out that the problem is retention, and Malamisura said that he has at least five students who are looking at other schools because of poor customer service and technology. Cofer explained we've asked for information, but only got enrollment information and nothing on retention.

IV. Committee Reports

Darrel Thompson said two suspensions came back for Academic Appeals. Mike Lilly distributed pamphlets and explained information from ACF

V. New Business

Senate discussed problems with student emails. Connor explained it is a faculty right and responsibility to call the person in charge. Malamisura explained he had notified the President. Mirsky said that the main issue is the lack of notification for faculty; "changes come and we aren't notified." Malamisura said that the entire system has problems which need to be examined. Nicholson explained she is unable to update her computer or software to develop assignments and tests for her curriculum. Connor said that the senate should invite IT to a session to discuss the problems. Picanco explained that the problem is with how IT is structured and the power given to them. Malamisura said we have had a lot of complaints about no support for Blackboard and templates not done. Connor explained that the Senate is the governance for faculty and it is their responsibility to bring problems forward and hold people accountable. He said that he would be happy to help and we need to fix the problems. Malamisura said that faculty do not have a say, are not heard, and

there is no process. He explained that when he presents a problem the first time, he is nice, but he gets more harsh, especially when he's asked about the same problem three or four times. Connor explained that he won't respond to calling people liars and that the waste report is being reviewed. Faculty senators noted that no one listens, talking is a waste of time, and we've tried to work through the problems without success.

VI. Meeting was adjourned.