



Academic Senate Minutes

September 11, 2007

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:07

Senators & Officers Present: Jennifer Fellguth, President, Phil Adams, Vice President, Cathy Noble, Melissa Stave, Susan Hovde, Jeff Roth, Ignacio Pando, Peter Calvert, Yvonne Reid, Larry Adams, Carol King, Stelvio Locci

Guests Present: Dr. Phoebe Helm, Dr. Kathleen Rose, Cheryl O'Donnell

II. Adoption of the Agenda: The amended Agenda was adopted (M-Adams, S-Stave).

III. Approval of the Minutes: No minutes were available for approval.

IV. Public Comments: None.

V. Presentations: Dr. Helm provided an update on Board goals for 2007-2008 and shared information about the guaranteed Spring 2008 schedule of classes. She also discussed her goals at Hartnell and the need to address accrediting commission concerns while ensuring sustainability of a revised and repaired shared governance structure. Dr. Rose offered an update of the current status of work on accreditation issues and explained how faculty will be driving this effort. She also provided a brief overview of what actions will take place at the September 14, 2007 mandatory faculty meeting.

VI. Action Items: An insufficient number of faculty voted on amending the Academic Senate Constitution, nullifying the election. The Senate will distribute paper ballots and make a second attempt to amend the constitution at the September 14, 2007 faculty town hall meeting. Jeff Roth was appointed to serve on the MLT Program Discontinuance Committee (M-Pando, S-Noble). LaVerne Cook, Bob Maffei, and Jeff Hughey were appointed to serve on the Curriculum Committee (M-Pando, S-Noble). Dr. Ignacio Pando was elected via paper ballot to represent faculty on the President/Superintendent Search Committee.

VII. Discussion/Information Items: There is a link on the Academic Senate Home Page that will allow all faculty to submit their comments regarding desirable characteristics in a new President/Superintendent. This input will be forwarded to the committee who will be drafting the job announcement and recruitment materials. Cheryl O'Donnell provided an update of the new student learning outcomes for general education which were developed as part of a faculty exercise during convocation two years ago and have been refined by the Student Learning Outcomes Committee. She also suggested planning a faculty retreat for the purpose of developing assessments for student learning outcomes. The development of 2007-2008 Senate Goals was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.