



MEETING MINUTES

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 4:30 pm
Humanities Building (GS108)

Meeting called to order at 4:38 PM

I. Call Meeting To Order & Establishment of Quorum

- Representatives present: Cindy Armijo, Twila Quintana, Erin Gilland, Jeanette Nolan, Lawrence Martinez, Joseph Montoya, Leslie Dennis, Eugene Sandoval and Betsy Sanchez
- Others present: Nichole Collins, Ron Duran (Bookstore), Victor Ramirez and David Montano (Student Government) and Monica Rossetti (ACE Lab)

II. Approval of Agenda

- Move item C to A and approve agenda
- 1st motion by Erin Gilland with change, 2nd by Jeanette Nolan
- Agenda approved by unanimous vote

III. Approval of Minutes from 2/5/15 Meeting

- 1st motion by Erin Gilland, 2nd by Twila Quintana
- Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Informational/Discussion Items:

A. Cost of Textbooks: Student Government President, Victor Ramirez, came forth to discuss the concerns of students regarding the cost of text books, especially the cost of online program access required in some courses. Bookstore Manager, Ron Duran, explained how the cost process works and ways in which publishers tie his hands. Faculty Senate brainstormed ideas and possibilities to try and help remedy the problems. Given the information provided by Duran and faculty input, Ramirez will take ideas back to Student Government.

B. LCC All-State Academic Team: Cindy Armijo and Twila Quintana provided a synopsis of two Phi-Theta-Kappa student successes in achieving nominations and recognition as academic team members both at the state and national level. Cindy talked about their trip to the State Capitol on Feb 11th, and explained what the scholarships and what academic team participation mean for the students and for LCC.

C. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Cindy covered the main highlights of the Board of Trustees February 10th Meeting. Board Member Frankie Tenorio was recognized with a plaque for his service as a member of the BOT. He is not seeking re-election in order to spend time with his family. Considerable discussion took place regarding a BOT proposed policy relating to a conflict of interest when an LCC employee campaigns for a BOT position. The request was to make the language more clear and precise. LCC's Fiscal Office received a clean audit as reported by Donna Flores-Medina, VP of Finance and Administration. Donna also reported that LCC has 22 million dollars in assets as of 12/31/14.

D. Passport Access for Adjunct Instructors – Gene Sandoval stated he followed up on the matter and it still has not resulted in allowing Passport or Pathways access to adjunct faculty. Because of sensitive information contained in the databases and because adjunct faculty aren't permanent employees, it was felt that adjunct should not have access. If members of Faculty Senate feel that access to the databases is necessary, then a clear and precise rationale for the need should be written and presented so that a formal request can be made.

E. Spring Elections – Nichole Collins will head-up the nomination and election process for next year's Faculty Senators and Officers. Twila provided input from the By-Laws concerning deadlines and procedure. Cindy will follow-up with Monica Rossetti who has agreed to oversee the nominations and elections.

F. "Off the Hook" Faculty Senate Initiated Activities– January (Twila Quintana), February (Jeanette M. Nolan), March (Leslie Jae Dennis)/March (N. Collins and B. Sanchez) and April (Erin Gilland). Discussion of the upcoming Faculty Senate sponsored events on campus for students and faculty.

G. Future Role of Faculty Senate – Faculty Senate and faculty in attendance discussed the role of Faculty Senate at LCC, and evaluated the current status of participation amongst faculty, both full and part time. The discussion was tabled for further input and analysis from interested parties at the April Faculty Senate meeting.

V. Action Items

- A.** Based on our by-laws, we tabled setting a date for Faculty Senate nominations/elections until Cindy meets with Monica Rossetti to review the online program and process to be used for nominations and elections

VI. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

VII. Adjournment