



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2015, 5:15 PM
Humanities Building (GS108)

I. Call To Order & Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 5:09pm.

- Representatives present: Leslie J. Dennis (Chair), Mimi Overhulser (Vice Chair), Cindy Armijo (Immediate Past Chair), Erin Gilland [gave secretary duties over to Mimi Overhulser, and left at 5:15pm] (Allied Health/Nursing Senator), Nichole Collins (Business/STEM Senator), Sherry Goodyear (Satellites Senator), Twila Quintana (Humanities/Education/ABE Senator), Lawrence Martinez (LRC Senator)
- Representatives Absent: Joseph Montoya (Trades Senator), Bruce McAllister (Adjunct Senator)
- Members Present: Betsy Sanchez

II. Approval of Agenda

- Lawrence Martinez moved to approve the agenda. Mimi Overhulser seconded. Agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from August 2015 Meeting

- Leslie Dennis moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting as corrected. Mimi Overhulser seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.
- Twila Quintana abstained from approving the minutes, as did Sherry Goodyear (due to technical issues she was unable to see the minutes) – both had not received the minutes in time to approve.

IV. Informational/Discussion Items:

A. Board of Trustees 9/8 Meeting – Leslie Dennis

- Daniel Atencio trained the Board on the new PA System. Dr. Vidal Martinez talked of a Retention Plan and Enrollment update. Abran Romero, from Institutional Research presented on the new Career Center. There was discussion among our members about a career center in the past at Luna that just went away. BOT had presentations and discussion on F&A Travel/PDP Policy/Procedure Amendment by Donna Flores-Medina. Receipts are necessary for meals in order to receive full reimbursement. Only fifty-percent will be reimbursed if there are no receipts. Liquor purchases at restaurants are a concern and seemed the primary reason for amending the policy. Our members discussed frustrations with PDP Policy, primarily the ambiguity of it. BOT approved Professional Services Contracts for institutional vehicles and NATEF Accreditation Assistance Services for Collision Repair Technology and Automotive Technology Programs. Continuing contracts with Automotive Service Consultants, LCC was approved. New Mexico Higher Education Department ROA Approval Form FY 2015 was approved, as was Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's). Attendees were not able to see any statistics/numbers that were given to the BOT. Mimi Overhulser stayed through the Executive Session, and reported that nothing more was discussed when they reconvened, except that several BOT members will be attending the Governor's Summit on Higher Education the next day (9th), as well as visiting with CNM on the 10th.

B. Should Faculty Senate take over SLOA – is this Shared Governance?

- Dr. Vidal Martinez discussed with Leslie Dennis the possibility of Faculty Senate taking over SLOA. We discussed that if we chose to accept this responsibility that we would re-develop SLOA into what it was originally intended to do – to be a teaching pedagogy resource for faculty. Brown bag meetings might be more appropriate. Statistics did not work – it is the comradery of colleagues presenting what does and does not work in the classroom, and the development of innovative and diverse pedagogy brought on by the engagement of fellow teachers wanting to improve their instruction that should be the result of a SLOA. Too many times department directors are presenting for faculty who do not come to the SLOA presentations and so no questions can be asked, etc. The Higher Education Department stressed that one of our primary challenges is to see Student Learning Outcomes in the big picture with far reaching goals, such as tracking student success across the board – within their tenure at Luna and beyond. Inviting the President to an open forum and get together was discussed in regards to this issue as well as others. An In-Service SLOA meeting was also brought to the table.
- The suggestion was made to invite the President and board to discuss shared governance, SLOA, etc.

C. Events

- PTK partnering with FS
- Commit to Complete – College Transfer Day
- Leslie Dennis suggested another Open-Mic Night.
- Sherry Goodyear and Springer Satellite talent show that could include an open-mic.

D. NEA Teacher’s Union

- Leslie Dennis reminded members who the NEA is, that many of our faculty have joined the NEA, and offered to invite the local NEA representative.

E. September 18th Program Assessment Plan

- There is a lot of confusion about the plan. Most are unclear as to its objectives and their alignment with HED and the college. A major question is how, or why, faculty can say how faculty will be included. This seems like the role of administration.

F. Goals for 2015-2016 Faculty Senate

- Of course, greater involvement among the faculty is key. Leslie Dennis again urged that faculty emails should be submitted by all faculty, and she will continue to collect them. We need an updated list-serve. Matthew Cordova needs to be contacted so he can put FS on the weekly events calendar. The Luna Light is suspended, for Jessie Gallegos left Luna, so it is unclear as to who or when that PR position will be filled.
- A meet and greet with the President, and/or with the BOT was discussed, so we have a way to discuss informally issues that affect faculty.
- Leslie Dennis proposed, and others agreed that the Academic Honesty Policy should play a stronger role in classes here at Luna.

V. New or Follow-up Items

- Under-utilization, disconnection, nepotism – all concerns of faculty members in regards to the relationship between us and administration. We all voiced feelings of not being appreciated or compensated enough for our roles as mentors, teachers, and advocates for LCC. Many people apply for internal job openings, and never hear back. Again, more informal events are needed to foster a sense of connectedness between adjunct, full-time, administrative, and staff.

- Adjunct News – Adjuncts will now be paid two weeks after the semester has begun, rather than a month. Mimi Overhulser went to the President to discuss this matter. However, vigilance is necessary to make sure HR stays to the new pay schedule in future semesters, particularly summer session. She'll work on salary issues next.

VI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Nichole Collins, Twila Quintana seconded - 7:04pm.