

ACADEMIC SENATE COUNCIL MINUTES

AA-216 2:15 p.m.

Monday, October 1, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: Saul Jones (Chair), Fritz Pointer (CAH), Carol Stanton (NAS), Mike LeFebvre (PE), Suzanne Huey (Instr. Services), Rita Ruderman (MCHS), Deborah Johnson-Rose (Classified Senate), Liz Xiezopolski (FSCC), Mike Fernandes (Instructional Technology)

Absent: Don Head (BSSAT), Judy Mays (Student Services), Peggy Fleming (Faculty Development),

Guests: Judy Flum, Linda Cherry

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike Fernandes was introduced as the new Chair of Instructional Technology.

STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Associated Student Union (Morales) No report.

Middle College High School (Wilson) No report.

President's Cabinet (Jones) The self-studies were reviewed. Barbara Allcox is writing up the minutes and the findings of the self-studies.

Operations Council (Jones) Lee Brelie worked on Standard 8 – Physical Resources. Other discussion items were class cancellation and uses and conserving of energy. It is a violation of the union contract if the windows are left open. Fire extinguishers on campus need to be checked annually to verify that they are charged. There will be training for staff on how to use the extinguishers. There will also be fire drills. Disaster supplies are being checked to make sure there are plentiful. Repairing of gym equipment is being looked at. There is a safety hazard in the weight room because of a hole in the floor. Money is needed to fix the floor and equipment. Homecoming was canceled. Curbs were painted red by mistake. Fifteen-minute dismissal periods were discussed. The question was presented of whether gas masks should be made available and what people should do in case of a chemical spill.

Career and Technical Training (B. Williams) No report.

Classified Senate (Johnson-Rose) The discussion focused on Program Review. Thirty-eight classified will serve on Validation.

College Council (Jones) The Strategic Plan was discussed.

District Governance Council (Jones) The Academic Senate presidents objected to Board Agenda Item 22A and asked that it be removed from the agenda. BP1010 proposed revision of Code of Ethic of the Governing Board was discussed.

Governing Board (Jones) The Governing Board agenda is online. There was much discussion of Board Agenda Item 22A - Reclassification of Management. There are two segments - Division Chair to Dean and Reclassification of Management Titles. ASCCC President Hoke Simpson strongly stated that it violated Title 5 because the faculty weren't consulted. The Board stayed action on the Division to Dean for 90 days and 30 days for the remaining. The Board must make the decision by January for March 15 layoffs. The structure will change at each campus.

Council of Chairs No report.

FSCC (Xiezopolski/Jones) The Board Agenda Item 22A was discussed. Ron Rusay discussed faculty cluster technology. Changes to the Software and Instructional Equipment policy can be viewed in the Academic Senate Office.

Instructional Technology Committee (Fernandes) Input is definitely needed from all. Mike will email everyone of the upcoming meeting dates.

Student Services (Mays) No report.

Faculty Development Committee (Fleming) No report.

Planning Council (Jones) Classes have been randomly selected for completing Student Surveys.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Revision to the Attendance/Withdrawal Policy This policy was approved with the deletion of the last sentence "If a course session started late, the instructor should still dismiss as scheduled."

Plus/Minus Grading (Kalkstein) There was mixed opinion of this issue. It was stated that universities do not acknowledge plus/minus grading. It was agreed that an ad hoc committee is formed and Helen Kalkstein will be appointed to research other college districts on this matter.

Reclassification of Management Positions Included in the ASC agenda packet was the five Assistant Dean positions that will be replaced by the Senior Dean title. Saul asked for any language changes to be sent to the Academic Senate Office by Friday. These copies were also sent to each Department Chair for review. There will be meeting with Helen Carr on October 5 with the Classified, Faculty, and Management to discuss comments or any changes requested. The Chancellor would like to meet with the AS presidents and UF on October 9 to discuss this issue further. The Board will be voting on this issue at the next Governing Board meeting, which will be October 24. DVC and the UF are seeking legal advice.

Computer Literacy Requirement Revision The Senate feels that the line "The student may use his/her own software and/or use the hardware provided by the College." that was deleted, should be returned because if a student has been using another platform such as Linux, Lotus, WordPerfect, or ClarisWorks, etc. they shouldn't be forced to learn MS to take the challenge test unless, the college is going to make all the software available. The students should also be able to use their own laptop. The challenge process should include the deleted statement and the statement should include "one or more of the following platforms can be used:..." also email should be included because all students here will have access to Campus Cruiser and they need to know how to access it. They will be sending it back to the CIC for rewording before approval.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Kral**