

Polk State College Faculty Senate Minutes
August 2017
Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: WST127

Officers:

Bill Caldecutt, President
Cindy Freitag, Lakeland Vice President
Anthony Cornett, Winter Haven Vice President
Jamie Haischer, Parliamentarian
Lee Childree, Secretary
Greg Harris, Senator at Large

Senators: Amy McIntosh, Jude Ryan, Michael Harrison, Greg Harris, Earl Brown, Alexandros Dimitriadis, Cary Gardell, Anna Butler (for Jim Rhodes), Tina Feleccia, Carol Stinson, Cindy Courtney

Others in attendance: Lee Caldecutt, April Robinson, Donald Painter, Danielle Delgiudice, Andrew Combs

Guest: Dr. Falconetti

Meeting called to order: 3:08 PM.

At the start of the meeting, Bill introduced the College's fifth president, Dr. Angela Garcia Falconetti. Dr. Falconetti shared her vision for shared governance, specifically that she wants the faculty to be involved in the governance process. She stated that faculty are critical to her. She wants to hear from faculty. She emphasized that she is here to support faculty and to make sure that they have the tools that they need. She stated that she is an advocate for faculty professional development. She expressed her desire for faculty to be able to come to her directly with concerns if the need arises. She emphasized her desire for an open line of communication between her and the faculty. She also wants to know about positive things that are occurring in the classroom.

Cindy Courtney shared that Danielle Delgiudice would be replacing her after this month's meeting. Danielle will be representing the Lakeland nursing department.

Approval of May Minutes. Greg moved to approve the minutes. Michael seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of August Agenda. Michael moved to approve the agenda. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports*President's Report*

Nothing to report.

Lakeland Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

Winter Haven Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

Administrative Liaison Report

Donald welcomed everyone back and had nothing to add from what he previously reported at the general faculty meeting (where he updated the faculty on Senate Bill 374, which was vetoed by Governor Scott, and House Bill 7069, which requires all FTIC students entering in 2018-2019 and beyond to demonstrate civic literacy).

Committee Reports and Updates

Tina reported that the College hired a new basketball coach over the summer. He is Brandon Giles.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Senator at Large Election. Bill publicly commended Sally for her service as Senator at Large. Tina nominated Jude Ryan, who accepted the nomination. Jamie Haischer seconded the nomination. Earl Brown nominated Greg Harris and Cary seconded the nomination. Jude then withdrew his nomination and Greg Harris was elected by acclamation.

Senate Membership Structure. Bill stated that Winter Haven Arts had questions about how the Senate makeup is decided. He explained the history of the Senate structure. He defined the need to group subjects into disciplines to get the right number of senators and to create fair representation. Bill recommended distribution of the Faculty Senate bylaws, which includes an explanation of the Senate structure, to all faculty in order to get feedback. Bill agreed to send the link to this procedure to all senators to distribute to their constituents. Anthony stated the need to know the number of faculty in each department in order to decide what fair representation is. Donald and Tina agreed to meet to update the list of department members and determine the number of faculty in each department. Bill reminded everyone that faculty are welcome to attend all Faculty Senate meetings, even if they are not senators.

Rules and Procedures

Procedure 1024. It was determined that Sally Fitzgerald had previously taken issue with some aspect of this procedure. Jude Ryan agreed to discuss this with Sally and bring the necessary information back to the Senate in September. Lee agreed to put this on the agenda for September.

New Business from the Floor:

Donald stated the need to review Procedure 4004 (Copyright Law). There are questions about how much of a copyrighted item can be copied and/or converted to newer technology. The College needs to utilize its legal counsel to help determine what constitutes acceptable fair use. Anna and Tina agreed to serve on an ad hoc committee to revisit this procedure.

Donald also stated the need to review Procedure 1018 (Academic Complaint). He emphasized the need to shore this procedure up prior to our next SACS visit. Proof of the need was made evident after a recent visit of the College's radiography program by an accrediting agency. The agency determined that the College's student complaint procedure (Procedure 1018) is not straightforward enough. The College's concern is that SACS would make a similar determination. In conjunction with Procedure 1018, Rule 4.26 (Student Appeal/Complaint Policy) also needs to be reviewed.

Procedure 5026 (Academic Dishonesty) needs to be reviewed, as well.

Donald suggested an ad hoc committee to look at Procedure 1018, Rule 4.26, and Procedure 5026. Tina and Jamie agreed to serve on the committee. Tina stated the need to revisit and revise the complaint form, which is currently "one size fits all" and inadequate.

Cindy expressed a concern about discrepancies between what textbook companies price a book at and what the bookstore decides to charge. This has caused some books to become "out of variance." Cindy shared an example of a customized and smaller book that cost \$20 more than the regular book. Donald stated that this issue is on the Textbook Affordability Committee's agenda. Bill and others discussed the possibility of the College running its own bookstore. The consensus was that this is not a viable option.

Bill brought up the issue of inequitable filtering of the Internet. Donald stated that there is a new firewall and the question is whether or not the firewall is overly aggressive. Additionally, the Terms of Service that faculty and all College employees agree to is extremely restrictive. Bill suggested that this should be on a future Senate agenda.

Adjournment: Michael motioned to adjourn at 4:09. Jamie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Childree
Secretary

