Administrative Liaison's Report
Faculty Senate
November 9, 2014

Graduation will be held December 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeland Center. Faculty who are able to march should notify Bernie Viera-Rausseo at [brausseo@polk.edu](mailto:brausseo@polk.edu).  Caps and gowns are worn for all graduations and can be rented at the bookstore.

Human Resources has completed its check of all administrators' educational credentials, and has begun working on faculty credentials.  You should expect a request in the mail from HR for permission to check your degrees, if you have not already received it.

Polk State College is making plans to replace the outdated Genesis system.  This week there will be representatives on campus from Jenzabar.  Members of the staff will be introduced to their system, and there will be several groups who will be talking to the company about additional segments we need them to add to their system.  This system is still in the development phase, and Polk is being offered a significant discount to assist Jenzabar in producing and testing new areas.  The replacement of the Genesis system is a few years in the future at this point, but the cost will be significant and the opportunity to save in this area while producing a system that is custom made to our needs is attractive to the College.

Fall enrollment figures show a slight decrease in enrollment for our students,  both in FTE and in headcount.  However, enrollment in the bachelor's programs continues to increase.  During the past several years when all other colleges in Florida were seeing flat or decreasing enrollment, our enrollment continued to show an increase. Therefore, this downturn was expected to catch up to us at some point.  We are hoping that the State of Florida will accept our three additional bachelors degrees in the spring when the moratorium ends, because the Early Childhood and Elementary Education degrees are anticipated to be very much needed and so to bring us new revenues.

Respectfully submitted,

Dodie Cowan
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs