

Faculty Senate, April 13, 2015

Administrative Liaison Report

Legislative update:

Baccalaureate degrees: After a 10 am conference call today ... prior to the call Sen. Negron had us changing our name to Polk College and limiting the upper level to 5% of our FTE (full time equivalent). We are currently at 9.6% so this would in essence prohibit us from adding the BS in Elementary Education and early Childhood Education.

Performance funding: The measures where we scored well (job placement and wages) were recently devaluated lowering Polk State on the measures. Graduation rate, time to degree and retention, all measures we need to improve, bring us down. Currently the House has added \$20 million for performance funding, the Senate has subtracted 30 million from the base and added 30 million for \$60 million in performance funding.

Budget: The House and Senate are \$4 Billion (yes that's a "B") apart in their budgets. The Senate is attempting to address the Medicare issue hence it is \$4 billion more than the House budget.

Concealed weapon: Rumors are that the bill may die – that would be good news

Faculty meeting April 24, 2015, 2 pm WLR 108