Lakeland Campus Faculty Senate Vice-President's Report
April 8, 2013

(This report is for information purposes only. These items are not intended for Faculty Senate action.)

12-week Late Start Classes: These will be run again in the fall.

Faculty Forum – Topics brought forward or discussed in the March 19 forum or as a result of it:
 Open-Hire
 Meeting conflicts; need for a college-wide calendar
 Email groups
 Faculty input into an organized plan for office locations
 Transfer procedure
 1006 attachment change and agreement

Distance Education Meeting:

 By fall, there will be direct links to each course BCI. For example, you would use www.polk.edu/bci/MGF1106 if you want to link to the MGF 1106 BCI. Before including this in your fall syllabus, please wait for an official announcement that it has been set up.

 In the future, but only after emails from the Instructional Technologists, PAL courses will be purged after two years. It was suggested that the purge happen once a year, most likely in May, rather than each term. Exceptions will be made for EPI, nursing, or other programs that need to store the courses for more than two years. Exporting courses or using a development course will be explained for others who would like to keep a course longer than two years, such as courses that may taught infrequently. Purging courses will only speed up the initial loading when you log into PAL. It will not speed up any screen changes once you are in your course. The main reasons for doing this are that it is a best practice and it will get rid of a lot of clutter.

 There will be a "Course Builder" role in PAL. This will be for programs such as the Entrepreneurship Program or EPI where a faculty member or program director creates the courses, but does not necessarily teach the classes. This would be useful for courses taught in a non-standard term and the Course Builder could enroll students in the classes. This Course Builder role could also be set up for other disciplines if desired.

 There was discussion about attaching the Quality Matters widget to courses that have been Quality Matters certified. The group of faculty who have received the certification will discuss this further and provide a suggestion at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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