

Academic Senate Report

May 9th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Flaherty called the meeting to order at 2:38PM.



Members Present: Lenier Anderson, Liz Brindise, Robert Connor, Christina Brophy, Sue Campos, Kathi Dresinski, Beth Dunn, Michael Erzen, Roseanne Feltman, Michael Flaherty, Rebecca Fournier, Julie Gilbert, Bob Greenwald, Pam Harmon, Ruth Hallongren, Larry Manno, Dennis McNamara, Tracy Wright, Hector Zavala

Selected Representatives: Adrian Fisher

Ex-Officio Members: Cheryl Antonich, Debra Baker, Paul Jensen, Joe Klinger, Kevin Li, Doug Olson, Dafne Henriquez

Non-Voting Members: Katrina Walters, Hilary Meyer

Guests: Chuck Bohleke, Pamela Perry, Humberto Espino, Mary-Rita Moore, Virginia Cabasa-Hess, Corey Williams, Jessica Rubalcaba, Amanda Turner, Johnny Urbina, Maxi Aramas, Randy Barnette, and other guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Flaherty asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11th, 2017 Academic Senate Meeting. Robert Connor made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Sue Campos. ♦ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ELECTION OF SENATE CHAIR, 2017-2018

Michael Flaherty announced the nomination for Senate Chair for 2017-2018. The position was elected by voice vote. Voice vote carried unanimously in favor of Michael Flaherty elected as Chair of the Senate for 2017-2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. College Curriculum: Sue Campos reported revisions to pre-requisite language and requirements to many Triton courses.

Dr. Flaherty asked for a motion to accept these revisions. Roseanne Feltman made a motion to accept the revisions, seconded by Pam Harmon ♦ Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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B. Academic & Scholastic Standards: Julie Gilbert presented a PowerPoint on revising the final exam schedule. Michael Flaherty announced that Julie Gilbert is stepping down as Chair of her committee.

C. Student Development: Hector Zavala reported that the Single Parent Resource Fair was successful.

D. Academic Support: Beth Dunn reported that her team will be using Survey Monkey for surveys going forward.

E. Campus Quality: Christina Brophy reported that, when it comes to online/Blackboard support, the faculty on her committee were unanimous in saying that Triton's technical support needs are enormous and require highly skilled professionals. Lively discussion regarding e-support and technical assistance ensued. Based on faculty concerns, Christina Brophy made a motion that the Senate recommend the retaining of the position of Instructional Technologist.

Dr. Flaherty asked for a motion to accept the recommendation. ♦ Motion carried by voice vote.

Christina Brophy reported that campus maps are being redesigned to list buildings by letter.

F. Professional Development: Roseanne Feltman announced that she was stepping down as Chair with Serpil Caputlu taking over next semester. She extended an invite to faculty outside of Art and Sciences to join the committee.

G. Assessment: Larry Manno reported weaknesses found via the Assessment Report and ways to improve. The next Assessment Day will be on April 6th, 2018.

H. Technical Advisory/Distance Learning: Pam Harmon reported that the CTE fully intends to continue support as it has been.

Michael Flaherty announced that all assessments should be 100% submitted prior to summer break. The Academic Senate web page will be updated over the summer.

Operational Assembly Report

Quincy Martin III was unable to attend the Academic Senate. He directed the committee to the meeting minutes that are posted online.

NEW BUSINESS

Undocumented Immigrant Safe Zone

Michael Flaherty explained the rules and authorities of the Academic Senate. With that in mind, the following recommendation was considered:

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“We respectfully request that Triton College be declared a sanctuary campus, or, minimally, that the President make a public statement to affirm the safety of our undocumented students. It is also requested that this statement be sent to the Board of Trustees for their support.”

After extensive discussion of the both the legalities and the need for the recommendation, the Senate voted not to send it forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Sue Campos. Seconded by Hector Zavala. Motion Carried.

Dr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jenelle Madrigal, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved:


