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SENATE MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 24, 2016
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, ROOM C-120

Call to Order

Roll Call: Bill Akers, Elizabeth Becker, Pat Brutchin, Michele Brynensen, Kris Campbell, Jessica Carpenter, Therese Carpizo, Lincoln Davis, Mary Elfring, Diana Flahaven, Susan Ford Patrick Gordon, Clark Hallpike (LATE), Liddy Hope, Christina Marrocco, Luis Martinez, Laura Meyer, Patricia O'Brien, Mary O'Sullivan, Joel Peck, Roger Ramey, Howard Russo, Tammy Ray, Ruby Sanny, Danielle Straub, Eleanor Swanson, Kimberly Tarver, Scott Vaszily, Steve Wood, Sabina Zeynalova

Recognition of Visitors & Guests:

State Representative Anna Moeller

David Burke: GIST Steering Committee Update

Secretary's Report: Kimberly Tarver

Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Ramey

President's Report: Luis Martinez

1. Online Student Evaluations- information only
2. Light and Heavy Labs
3. Special BOT Meeting

1st Vice President's Report: Patrick Gordon

2nd Vice President's Report: Sue Ford

3rd Vice President: VACANCY

Committee Reports –

Negotiations- (Howard Russo)

Grievance- (Sue Ford/Howard Russo)

A motion to approve \$2,000 to move a grievance to arbitration was made and seconded electronically by Sue Ford and Kimberly Tarver. The motion passed. The Grievance Committee will inform Gil Cornfield, ECCFA Attorney, of situation.

Elections Committee- (Ellie Swanson, Marge Schildknecht, Tim Anderson)

Membership Committee (Mary Elfring)

COPE (Luis Martinez, Interim)

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ECCFA Visioning: (Kimberly Tarver)

Reschedule the Senate Workshop

ELECTIONS & COMMITTEE REQUESTS

1. Dr. Arun Goyal requests approval for the following faculty members to serve on a work group to edit CBHP, relating to emergency situations. Volunteers include Dana Kurpius (BIO), Ed Kroll (BIO), Steve Trail (CHEM), Joel Peck (2D ART), Travis Linville (PHOTO), Ray Ortiz (Histology)
2. Mary Hatch requests members to serve on a search committee for a full time Humanities Faculty Position. Faculty expressing interest include Les McTighe (HUM Coordinator), David Zacker (HUM), David Burke (HUM), Sara Baker (ENG), Janice Petit-Sollenberger (HISTORY/UA2)

Old Business

1. ECCFA Endowed Scholarship

New Business

Division Issues

NONE

Adjournment –

Next Meeting: March 9, 2016

2015-2016 Academic Year Senate Meetings

Wednesdays at 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, C-120

March 30, April 13, April 27, and May 11

ECCFA Committee Report Form

Submit Monthly to ECCFA Secretary

Date: 2/10/2016

Committee: Equity Coordinating Council

ECCFA Members of Committee: Nancy Chahino, Business Unit Adjunct II Faculty
Committee Activities:

- African American Focus Group

Dr. Phil Garber explained that the report for the African American Focus Group held in October 2015 is done. The report had good observations and suggestions about ways in which the college could help the African American students, such as facilitating constructive relationships between the students and faculty, leveraging the Black Student Association, helping students to advocate for themselves, peer to peer relationships, amongst other suggestions. Phil plans to write an executive summary of the report. This group's recommendation is to do more focus groups for the spring semester to gather more data. They would like to continue the dialog with students to find out what is meaningful to them.

Dr. Susan Timm explained that after the focus groups, it seemed evident that African American students would benefit from having a point person to help them navigate through college. The group would like to recommend the possibility of developing a part-time position within the Student Life office, to take care of coordinating this efforts. Susan explained that after several meetings and a lot of discussion, they strongly believe that this position would be the best solution to address the situation with our African American students. Susan made a motion to approve the concept of the African American Success initiative. The motion was seconded, and all the members present voted in favor of supporting this concept. The concept will be brought to the attention of the Human Resources Dept.

- NCORE Conference 5/31/16 – 6/4/16 –

The Core team confirmed with Dr. Sam that Professor Hallpike can split the amount equivalent to two individuals attending the conference into smaller amounts to help supplement more than two attendees. A motion was made to approve the NCORE Conference initiative. This motion was seconded, and all members present voted in favor of approving this request.

- Faculty Research Community Update budget request for FY17 = \$17,346 –

The Core committee spoke with Professor Dan Kernler about clarifying some program details in the flyer and on the application form. Dan has already revised the flyer to clarify the types of research topics that are appropriate for this program. He has stressed that research cannot be done on course assessment; research should focus on student success. Dan and the Core Council will also work on ways to communicate to the participants that their research objectives have to be clearly defined, instead of general and vague. The Council talked about best medium and what that would be to present the results of the research done by this group during fall 2016. Annamarie will talk to Rose DiGerlando about the possibility of utilizing sometime on opening day during the fall TLSD division meetings. If this is not possible, the participants might present next February in the Assessment Diaries event, though the timing would not be ideal since the research is best completed over the 'academic' year. Dan mentioned it is best if all participant (researchers) could be present at the same time.

A motion was made to approve the request to encumber half of the \$17,346 requested for this initiative in FY2017. The motion was seconded, and the council voted this initiative was approved and notification will be sent to the initiators (half the amount encumbered in FY2016 and half in FY2017)

Activities to Be Addressed: None

Proposals/Recommendations/Motions to be presented: None

Submitted By: Nancy Chahino