



#### ECCFA Senate Minutes Senate Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

#### Sarah Dye, president, presiding

Josefana Aleman Mary Arndt Rick Bonnom Michele Brynelsen Lori Clark Len Fitzpatrick Linda Hefferin Cindy Hutman Dan Kocher David Lawrence Luis Martinez Loretta McCallister John Mravik Gary Norden Pat O'Brien Miroslav Rezac Howard Russo Joyce Ross Julie Roth Cathy Tomasik Armando Trejo Glenn Turner Scott Vaszily Cassandra Watson

Absent: Carl DeCarlo, Chad Pearion, Joel Peck, Vince Pesavento

#### Meeting called to order by Sarah Dye at 3:05 pm

#### Secretary's Report:

Lori Clark

• Russo moved to approve the corrected minutes from February 29, 2012. Brynelsen seconded. Approved with three abstentions.

#### Treasurer's Report:

#### Linda Hefferin

- Hefferin reported she just received two checks from the Labor Temple.
- She said there was an issue with our domain name; she is waiting for a refund.
- She received money from Dr. Sam for the end-of-semester party.
- Dye said that because the officers set the budget in the summer, it would be nice to try and include regular expense items in the budget (special projects, etc), so we're prepared for them.
- Hefferin said we should put the organizations we donate to on a rotation so that everyone gets a chance to promote his/her projects.
  - Russo said he would like the Senate to think about endowing a scholarship through ECCFA with the Foundation. • Hefferin said that would need to go to the membership.
- Russo said we should spend more on special projects because it is a way to get our name out in the community. If the community sees we're giving money out to charities, it will make us more positive.
- Hefferin said the ECCFA can spend as much as the officers want, but it will cause the dues to raise.
- Dye said it would be a good idea for the future president to send out an email to the entire faculty and ask for their suggestions. It will be a way to get the membership more involved in the process. She suggests that the Senate try to plan a little better for all kinds of potential expenses.
- Report accepted.

#### President's Report:

#### Sarah Dye

- At the request of the members of the Negotiation Team working on the Heavy/Light Lab issue, I sent an email on Monday to all Instructional Coordinators reminding them to fill out the form attached to that email and send it back to Elaine Reid in the VP of TLSD's office by the extended deadline of April 2, 2012. The information is necessary for our negotiators to complete their work so that ICs will get paid correctly during the next academic year.
- Process for acquiring an ECC library card and related comments.
  - o Thank you to Dr. Mi Hu for clarifying the process for faculty members.
  - Community members will need to show personal ID, such as a driver's license and fill out the library form (for our record) at the desk. Then a library card will be issued.
  - (For ECC staff P/T and F/T), they can obtain a library card during their new employee orientation session.
     For people who missed the orientation and come to the library for a card, they need to either show a driver's license or other photo ID and fill out the form indicating they are staff or provide their ECC employee ID number (we all have one in order to access ECC and do eTime) and fill out the form checking the staff box. Library staff can find employees in the system.
  - Sarah Dye's Comments: Although many of us move around campus without our purses, wallets, or briefcases, we faculty need to remember that the college has over 1000 employees and operates as a business and thus has a right to request some form of identification. Sometimes members of the ECC Police Department will even ask a faculty member for ID when they are following up in the course of their jobs. So we should not be offended when asked to identify ourselves in an official manner.

#### • 2012 Great Lakes ULI: Take Note and Save the Date

I am trying to get the course schedule from the IFT. When it becomes available, the course offerings, the ECCFA internal application, and the Great Lakes application will be attached to the Senate agenda so watch this spot for further info. This year's four-day Great Lakes Union Leadership Institute (ULI) will be held **June 18-22, 2012**, several weeks earlier than in past years. This popular training and leadership development program will again be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, III. and is co-sponsored by the IFT and the American Federation of Teachers. Mark your calendar now for **June 18-22**.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Luis Martinez

• No report.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: Dan Kocher

 Looking forward to the release of the Summer School and Fall Class assignments schedules on March 19th. Hopeful that the new Appendix C-5 Load Assignment Protocol has resulted in many more adjunct assignments being resolved prior to the schedule being released.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's Report: Cassandra Watson

No report

#### Committee Reports—

#### Academic Policy:

#### Dawn Munson (and Jennifer McClure)

• Marcy Thompson, Jennifer McClure and Dawn Munson have been meeting to discuss Bylaws, Operating Procedures and Flow of Procedures from the APC to Cabinet.

Academic Technology:

#### Dan Kocher & Mary Peterhans

• The next Academic Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 16th. The topics to be addressed include electronic textbooks and continuation of the smartboard investigation.

#### Achieving the Dream:

#### Linda Hefferin & Sarah Dye

- Mark your calendars and watch for your invitation from VP DiGerlando to a special AtD event: Celebrate Student Success! on Thursday, April 12, 2011, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Our AtD Coaches will be on campus then.
- Achieving the Dream (AtD) Reports from the "Front,"--aka the AtD D.R.E.A.M. Conference, Dallas, Texas, February 27 March 2, 2012
- Sara Baker, Student Success Courses Workgroup Co-Chair and COL 101 Instructional Coordinator: I was
  especially interested in learning about what other schools are doing with required student success courses like
  our Col 101. The Community College of Baltimore County has done some very interesting things in terms of
  scaling up their one-credit required course to include academic advising, learning cohorts for students in specific
  majors, and technology training for students. I will definitely be in contact with the faculty at CCBC to see how
  some of their strategies can positively impact our own COL 101 students.
- Rose DiGerlando, VP of Teaching, Learning and Student Development: "Don't make change incremental, make it transformative." Scaling up is important, but it also has to make an impact. The other comment found to be of great significance is, "Student success should be at the heart of everything we do." Whether it's developing new programs or curriculum, designing and building new facilities on campus, etc., every department in the college must always keep that in mind.
- Sarah Dye, AtD Lead Co-Chair: In a pre-conference workshop, representatives from the Community College of Baltimore County (MD) and Chabot College (CA) advocated adopting a New Developmental Education philosophy because at least 60% of students nationwide need remediation upon enrolling at community colleges. This new philosophy is characterized by acceleration of the developmental sequence of courses in English, reading, and/or math. Through their AtD data collection and research, the two colleges recognized this need and created their own unique Accelerated Learning Programs (now a national movement) which include reduced exit points (i.e., those multiple points in the sequence at which students can fail and drop out), contextualized courses in which new ideas are connected to students' prior learning, and in class support which includes advising, tutoring, supplemental instruction, etc.
- Phil Garber, AtD Lead Co-Chair: In the morning session on Show Me the Money, and in the Share Fair conversations with other schools, I learned about the importance of evaluation. Since joining Achieving the Dream in 2009, ECC has spent a great deal of time piloting various strategies in several important areas (e.g., academic advising, developmental education, culture and relationships, etc.) but comparatively little time outlining processes for prioritizing these efforts. As a college with limited funds, we must always be mindful of resources and budgets, and so, as we come upon our third year in the AtD organization, now would be an ideal time to step back and think about our evaluation efforts. The session on *Getting the Cart Before the Horse* urged AtD schools to define criteria and parameters and to create flowcharts, logic models, checklists, rating scales, rubrics and/or other tools to evaluate their efforts. Applying this same idea to ECC, our own AtD Steering Committee, Review Team, data rangers and others might begin creating evaluation tools so that we can prioritize when, where, and how to invest.
- Linda Hefferin, AtD Lead Co-Chair: A large number of students accumulate significant number of credits, yet do not complete or transfer and are no longer enrolled after five years. Identifying these students and determining their reasons for leaving the institution without earning credentials or transferring could help to devise strategies and programs that might help some of these students reach outcomes. Given enough time, developmental students who make it into college-level courses have successful rates not significantly different than non-developmental students' outcomes. As expected, students who do not require developmental education had higher completion and transfer rates than their counterparts who required developmental education. Therefore, in order to increase completion rates it is recommended to support students through developmental education as quickly as possible.

- Amy Perrin, Academic Advising Workgroup Co-Chair: Watching Zane State College receive the Lumina Foundation's "Leah Award" for institutional transformation was an inspiring moment. As the College President accepted the award, he humbly stated that the real winners are the students and that student success is at the heart of everything we do. There was a genuine sense of camaraderie among the 1,500 plus attendees at the first night's opening session. We are all gathered here for a common purpose and a common goal, and that's exciting. I move that ECC should stand for Everyone Can Complete.
- George Rosa and Sandi Brown, Cultural Competency & Relationships Workgroup Co-Chairs: Overall the AtD conference has been exciting and inspiring. Although the theme of the conference is equity and excellence, we feel there is still a strong need for topics related to diversity, inclusion, and equity. We feel the Equity Journey that ECC has embarked on would be informative, helpful and much needed at this and future conferences. We attended a pre-conference workshop on conducting focus groups for men of color and a lot of the conversations focused on equity and inclusion. Colleagues participating in this session wanted to hear more of the work we are doing at ECC. This is why we feel invigorated to resubmit the Equity Action Team's proposal for next year's conference. Additionally, we participated in a community engagement & outreach workshop with the hopes of gaining valuable insights that would assist our Community Engagement Equity Council. To our surprise we found ourselves leading the discussions on this effort. We were pleased to find that other community colleges had so much interest in the work we are doing which has provided us with additional networking/collaboratives.
- Manuel Salgado, Academic Advising Workgroup Co-Chair: In today's events the session that stood out was a college that is maximizing its resources to promote a robust learning community culture including training on pedagogy, inclusion of adjunct faculty, college success courses, and integration of student services in the 'cluster'. In addition, the way they get around the limit in credits for vocational programs is by integrating/infusing the college success course. This is an initiative from Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, MA.
- **Marcy Thompson**, AtD Lead Co-Chair: During the plenary, "Lessons from Leader College Presidents," all representatives gave brief highlights of their successful strategies for their institutions. What is interesting is that each college president had something different to share. Not all strategies are the same and not all strategies look alike. Some of the statements that I found interesting follow:
  - Optional to mandatory takes a long time.
    - This statement made me realize that as we implement new processes, the results will not be immediate. In order to make a significant impact, we need to make significant change and that will need to happen over a period of time.
    - Equity does not mean equality the situation defines the nature of the response.
    - This statement in particular impacts what we are dealing with at Elgin. When identifying strategies it is important to remember that "one size does NOT fit all".
    - How do we get the same acute vision of the barriers that we have identified for physical disabilities?
    - This statement also caught my attention because it made me realize that all of this hard work will eventually pay off and our students will benefit from the results.
    - Many of the leader colleges represented on the panel have been involved with AtD since 2003-2004; so they truly do have a lot to share regarding their lessons learned. ECC's workgroups have implemented some wonderful things as a result of AtD and those results need to be celebrated and shared amongst the college community. This conference justifies all of the hard work and dedication of the workgroups co-chairs and their members.
- **Carol Szabo**, Developmental Education Workgroup Co-Chair: Something that caught my attention at the Wednesday morning plenary was the presentation of Chancellor Steven Murray from Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas. The students at his school face extreme poverty, equity issues, and success issues. In discussing work plans for these hurdles, the committee reads books such as Carson McCuller's *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* and uses such books as a jump start for conversation. The use of literature as a basis

for discussion is an interesting and unique approach which gives varied perspectives and at the same time recognizes universal concerns. Reading can be eye opening!

- Mary Ann Tuerk, Developmental Education Workgroup Co-Chair: From individual conversations with attendees and small sessions: I am feeling good about what we are doing at ECC via Achieving the Dream. The strategies we are trying are solid and shared by many other schools; the challenges we are facing are likewise similar to the experiences of others. I am struck that we are fortunate to have more resources and support than many other institutions.
  - From the plenary session this morning, I was very impressed by the video shown with the remarks by Dr. Dodson at Brazosport College. It reiterated why "the equity lens" is so important for all our efforts. I recommend viewing it by all ECC AtD stakeholders.
- One of our workgroup co-chairs, Roger Ramey, Student Success Courses Workgroup Co-Chair, was unable to join us in Dallas this year because of another professional conference responsibility.
- A final note: As with the other two AtD conferences we have attended since our acceptance in 2009 by this important national initiative on Student Success, we return to our campus with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for bringing our own strategies to successful scale on our campus. Scaling up is the main expectation of AtD and our two coaches, Dr. Linda Watkins and Dr. Luzelma Canales.

#### Alliance for College Readiness: **Alison Douglas**

- On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the STEPS Team of the Alliance for College Readiness will host 120 high school seniors from six District 509 high schools for a day-long workshop entitled "Maximize your Potential with College and Career Planning." Starting with a "Welcome to College" presentation by ISAC, students' day will focus on core messages for post-secondary success including placement testing and career readiness.
- On March 21, The Alliance for College Readiness will host 25 middle school, high school and college science faculty for a workshop focused on increasing students' literacy skills in science courses. The workshop, which will be co-facilitated by ECC reading faculty Tina Ballard and Ruby Sanny, was developed by a team of reading specialists from seven community college and NIU. Each college will host a workshop focused on a specific content area (Math, Science, or CTE) and all workshop participants will reconvene for a mini-conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>, also at ECC.
- The Math team continues to work on development of 4<sup>th</sup> year math curriculum for high school students. After creating the framework for the curriculum, the team will turn the work over to a team of 11 high school and postsecondary math faculty who will finalize the curriculum during the summer. Summer team members will earn \$1200 stipends. Math faculty interested in these opportunities should contact Alison Douglas.
- Faculty positions for the Summer Bridge will be open for application soon.

#### Amendments:

#### **Dan Kocher**

No report. •

#### Assessment Committee:

Eric Lona SLAAC (assessment committee) would like to ask you for your assistance. This year, as part of our ongoing general education outcomes assessment, we are assessing student writing across the curriculum and would like your help in attaining the necessary data:

#### We are asking for student writing from any discipline provided that the assignment is at least 2-3 pages long • 1) (500 words) and completed during the 2011-12 academic year.

- You do not need to alter your assignment in any way to assist with this project; time commitment is minimal! 2)
- This project is voluntary, faculty initiated, and will ensure complete student/faculty privacy. 3)
- To volunteer and help SLAAC make this project as easy as possible for you, please respond to this very brief survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MW9Q3RJ We will then send you additional directions.
- For additional questions, please contact Eric Long (SLAAC Chair) at elong@elgin.edu. 4)

#### BOT Finance Committee: Linda Hefferin

- The District 509 Finance Committee met Monday, March 12. Orders of business included the internal audit of FY11 scholarships. In addition, business plans for auxiliary enterprise units were presented. A recommendation will go to the BOT at its next meeting for a \$6 increase in tuition effective Summer 2012, setting tuition at \$105 per semester credit hour. The Finance Department was recognized for maintaining its Aaa bond rating from Moody's, which is the highest rating available.
- Hefferin reported that the college is concerned that they may have to pay for SURS.
- Russo said that since the faculty contribute, that money should be available to them.
- Hefferin said the state doesn't have the money to contribute to SURS, even though they are supposed to.
- Russo said that in ECC's annual report, ECC showed an increase from \$36 million to \$41 million, approximately.
- Dye said a faculty member who is about to retire came to her about not getting sick days with SURS.
  - Russo said retirees will be given their sick days through SURS.

#### **CETL Workshops:**

#### **Carlen Vire-Smith**

• Fri 3/16/2012 10 AM- Noon Free and Inexpensive i-Pad Apps for the Classroom (CFD 200-103)

#### **Communication Liaison:**

#### Gary Christenson

• No report.

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# Ron Kowalczyk

- Rich in Senator Noland's office confirmed the Senator will meet with the ECCFA Senate on April 4, 2012 at 3:30p. This is the only date he is not in Springfield.
- Return of Residual Campaign Funds THIRD AND FINAL REQUEST sent by certified letter to the candidate the ECCFA endorsed last year.
- Russo reported that he has a contact for Stand for Children, and anti-union organization that endorsed Noland. If
  anyone wants to contact that person, Russo can be contacted. He also reported that Noland was big on charter
  schools, as is Stand for children.
- Bonnom reported that a recent article in *The Daily Herald* that reported that Tim Elenz, who is running against Noland, had more than 100 signs removed. In the report, witnesses supposedly saw the Elenz sign removed and replaced with a Noland.
- Dye said this is a topic of discussion for when Noland visits.
- Russo said that Elenz is against union and is running as a Democrat; he says he is for union, but his posts on Facebook are anti-union, and he supports Governor Scott Walker from Wisconsin.

#### Curriculum:

#### Joe Rosenfeld

No report

#### Distance Learning:

#### Billie Barnett

- Attention: Online Faculty
- The Faculty Peer Mentor Program has room for only ONE more online class this semester. Won't you consider
  participating in this program? If you have questions or are interested in participating, contact Billie Barnett at
  <u>bbarnett@elgin.edu</u>.

#### **Elections:**

#### Bill Demaree

- No report
- Dye said that election information will appear in the next Sentinel.
- Hefferin said we need to check and see if Jeff Boyd's area is one or two divisions.

- Dye said she had gotten lot of responses from committees that have revised and created working rules. This information will also appear in the Sentinel.
- Lawrence suggested putting a link to this information on the ECCFA Facebook page.

#### **Equity Action:**

#### George Rosa & Sandi Brown

• No report.

#### Faculty Development: Beth Santell

- No report
- It was reported that what we approved a couple of meetings ago in regard to the Faculty Development handbook was not on the agenda for the Board of Trustees. Martinez said he spoke with Rose DiGerlando, who said that adjuncts will get reimbursed once the handbook is approved.

#### FAVs

#### **Rick Bonnom**

 Request of Senate to approve the ECCFA FAVs participation in the upcoming PB&Jam event. See New Business.

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- David Burke
- No report.

#### Grievance:

#### Howard Russo & Susan Ford

• See letter at the back of the meeting agenda.

#### Honors:

#### Johanna Cummings

• The Honors Committee will meet on March 12. A report will follow.

Humanities Center:	David Burke

- No report.
- IFT Community College Council Susan Ford, ECCFA representative
  - No report.

Insurance Lynn Ducar& Vicki Walker

#### Learning Communities (Steering) Colleen Stribling

• No report.

#### MAGIC:

#### Kim Tarver & Clark Hallpike

- MAGIC will host an open meeting monthly, to be held the first Monday of each month, 3:00-4:30, ICT 203. The open meeting is reserved for dedicated learning experiences. Students, faculty, administrators, staff & community members are welcome.
- MAGIC members are invited to attend a planning meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. This meeting is closed to members planning and participating in specific initiatives.
- MAGIC is supporting and/or providing the following experiences during the remainder of the semester-
  - Book Discussion: The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother, facilitated by Mi Hu & Sharon Baker, April 2, 3:00-4:30 ICT 203
  - o Embracing Culture's on Campus Conference April 19, speaker Lee Mun Wah
- MAGIC is encouraging attendance at the following external events-
  - 2012 Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education Annual Conference St. Louis Community College, 3/30-3/31
- Future event planning

- Film- Abused. The Postville Raids
- Frederick Gooding- The Minority Reporter 0

#### Membership:

**Connie Orbeta** 

#### **ECCFA Membership Report for Spring Semester 2012**

Full time faculty <b>100%</b>	UA1s <b>44%</b>	UA2s <b>90%</b>	INAs
143 Members	76 Members	201 Members	20
143 eligible	(94 non-members)	(21 non-members)	6 Members
	170 eligible	222 eligible	
Т	otal signed members 420-Spr	ing 2012 (Fall 2011 – 426 meml	bers)
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#### Total 536 - Faculty eligible

#### **Negotiations:**

#### Luis Martinez

Midterm negotiations continue. The tenure and evaluation handbook is still in progress. The deadline is May 15. •

Scholarship:

#### **Bev Augustine**

Augustine is working on getting stuff together for scholarships to be presented in spring. ٠

#### Sentinel:

#### **Bill Demaree**

#### **Remaining Sentinel Dates for 2012**

Due Date	Publication Date
Mon., 12 March 2012	<mark>Mon., 19 March 2012 (rev.)</mark>
Thurs., 12 April 2012	Mon., 16 April 2012
Thurs., 10 May 2012	Mon., 14 May 2012

#### Sick Bank:

#### **Ellie Swanson**

• No report.

- Social Media Jessica Carpenter
  - No report. •

**Strategic Planning Committee:** 

Elizabeth McNulty& Phil Garber

No report. •

Tammy Ray

Webmaster: •

No report.

#### Working Relations Task ForceMary Arndt, Elizabeth Becker, John Slawson, Rachael Tecza

- No report. •
- Martinez talked to the committee and said they need to meet with administration again. Enough time has passed • for them to have reviewed the document.

#### **Special Orders**

Approval of committee members (could be treated as Consent Agenda) **Special Orders** 

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#### **Old Business**

Still seeking an additional adjunct representative to serve on the college-wide Insurance Committee which
next meets on Friday, March 23,2012, 2:00 – 3:00 PM. The slot is to replace Vicki Walker whose schedule
has changed this semester. For more information, contact Sarah Dye, Lynn Ducar, or Luis Martinez, the other
ECCFA representatives to the committee. Please nominate someone (with permission) or nominate yourself
as soon as possible for senate approval.

#### **New Business**

- Dye requested that the order of business be changed.
  - o Lawrence moved to change the order of business. Martinez seconded. Approved.

#### Requesting Senate approval of the ECCFA's participation in the PB&Jam on May 2, 2012 (Rick Bonnom)

- Russo motioned to approve. Hutman seconded.
- Martinez asked if we would collect donations.
- Bonnom will send an email out to faculty, letting them know about items needed.
- Lawrence said some stores will give vouchers for items for the event.
- Approved.
  - Martinez moved to go back to the regular order of business. Russo seconded. Approved.

#### FT Annual Convention (Sarah Dye)

- Dye has the forms for this convention. The last time the convention took place, we weren't able to register because we were missing financial information. Potentially, we can send six delegates, but we can't afford six delegates.
- The deadline for credentials is June 27, housing June 21.
- The conference is July 27-30.
- Dye said if faculty are interested in putting their names forward, to think about it.

# Invitation to 2-3 ECCFA members to attend a Communication Training Conference offered by Cook County College Teachers Local 1600 on Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM in Westmont at the IFT Offices at no charge (Sarah Dye)

- The session is on effective communication strategies within the organization and outside of the organization.
- Dye said the Sentinel and communication liaison spots will be available after this semester. Those who are interested in filling those spots should consider attending this training.
- She also said that local 1600, who is sponsoring the event, has been trying to get us to join their union for years.

#### Parking issue

- Dye said she talks to Dr. Sam about the issue with students parking in faculty lots every time she meets with him. They are reviewing the parking situation.
- Hutman said she saw people measuring the lots.
- It seems as though the VPAC and Health building lots are the biggest problem.
- Tomasik said when she comes in at 5 pm, she has seen security going through the lot.
- Arndt said an officer told her he wasn't going to write tickets.
- Dye reported that Sam said he wasn't going to charge the students for parking tickets.

- Rezac said they could give warnings.
- Russo questioned why we have a parking policy if it's not going to be enforced.
- Dye said the space that is still being used as a staging area will not be a parking lot when it is finished. It will, supposedly, be a drainage space. It can't be paved.

#### Independent Study

- Fitzpatrick said he has two students who need a class to graduate, but they are being denied an independent study.
- Dye said faculty was at the mercy of the individual dean when it came to independent study.
- Russo said he was told it was coming from the vice president.
- Martinez said that he had heard the board is concerned about the amount of money the faculty is making with independent study, so they are sacrificing the education of the students.
- Russo said that telecourses are going to be reinstated because it is a contract violation. Those courses have to be negotiated away and not just taken away without input from faculty. He thinks independent study sections will be reinstated as well. ICCB mandates we have independent study classes. The problem is that the board doesn't like them because there is pay attached to them.
- Fitzpatrick said he can't wait a couple weeks for a decision to be made because he has a student who needs to classes—one that started today and one that starts in the summer.
- Hutman said the students should address the board.
- Dye said Fitzpatrick should talk to Dr. Sam and Rose DiGerlando.
- Norden asked what the deans' roles were.
- Dye said the deans are doing what the administration is telling them.
- Russo suggested contacting Carol Cowles too because she will fight tooth and nail for students. The student should talk to Dr. Cowles. He also said we're doing the work for these students; the board thinks we are doubledipping, but independent study tends to be more work because instructors are doing more to accommodate these students.
- Tomasik said a way she got an independent study section is she had a student write an email, saying the class was needed to graduate. She forwarded the email to the dean and others.
- Russo said we should check the ICCB site because it says it is a necessity to have independent study classes.

#### Relay for life

• Clark reported that she and Bonnom were interested in putting together an ECCFA team to participate in Relay for Life. She said an email will be sent to faculty to see if there is any interest in an ECCFA Relay for Life team.

#### **Division Issues**

#### CHM and Science Department Relocation

- Rezac reported that , preparation for the move of the department is not going well, and he is concerned the building will not be ready for summer session.
- Lawrence said they can't even get the appropriate groups together to have a meeting.
- Kocher said the problem is going to be moving the chemicals and models; all of those items need to be packed.
- Russo said he heard there was a chemical moving company that was going to be brought. He said administrators are willing to work with faculty that area, and DiGerlando is aware of the situation.

#### Adjournment

• Russo moved to adjourn the March 14, 2012 meeting. Martinez seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

#### Respectfully submitted by Lori Clark, ECCFA Secretary