



ECCFA Senate Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Room C-120

Call to Order: 3:07 PM

Luis Martinez

Roll Call

Present- Rick Bonnom, Michele Brynelsen, Lori Clark, Linda Hefferin, Cindy Hutman, Dan Kocher, David Lawrence, Marcia Luptak, Luis Martinez, Loretta McCallister, John Mravik, Gary Norden, Pat O'Brien, Mary O'Sullivan, Chad Pearion, Joel Peck, David Reich, Miroslav Rezac, Joyce Ross, Julie Roth, Howard Russo, Kimberly Tarver, Baudelaire Ulysse, Cassandra Watson, Jessica Carpenter
Absent- Tim Marquez, Cathy Tomasik, Armando Trejo, Glenn Turner

Recognition of Visitors & Guests

- The counselors received an extension for their report and will present at a future ECCFA meeting.
- Jennifer Barconi, Candidate for ECC Board of Trustees (jbarconi@gmail.com)
She has decided to run for ECC Board of Trustees in the spring election. She lives in South Elgin with her two daughters and her husband. She is a retired U.S. Air Force Flight Medic and currently serves on the Kane County Mental Health Advisory Committee. In her opinion, the current board lacks diversity and faculty representation.
Question: How did you hear about the vacancy as it has not been well publicized. Answer: It was by word of mouth. She also shared that she heard Mr. Dalton's open position has been filled by the board and that there was a deadline of this upcoming Monday. She plans to run for election for the full term and is not interested in filling the 5-month vacancy. It was noted that the ECC Observer ran a story about the vacancy and that it was posted on the ECC Intra-net.
Jennifer shared her past experience running for election as Illinois State Representative and Kane County Board. Both elections were unsuccessful by narrow margins. She stated that she is pro-teacher, that she will always listen and she will work hard. Some senators expressed willingness to assist with the campaign.
Question: Will you speak more about your goals and qualifications? Answer: Keep ECC relevant, cutting edge. Build networks and partners. Ensure shared governance. She has been effective negotiating with others. There was discussion about the potential for up to four seats available in the spring. It was shared that efforts to build trust with the board are ongoing and that a candidate should be aware of the impact of decisions on all parties and should strive for shared decision making. She stated that she may not always agree but pledged to maintain an open ear and listen.
Question: Where do you stand on message, money and machine/mechanism? Answer: I have name recognition, support, money and experience with running a campaign. I intend to canvas and will go door to door. I am confident I will have the signatures required to file candidacy within hours.
Question: Why do you want to serve on the ECC Board of Trustee? Answer: I am a part of this community and I want to contribute. My friends and advisors have encouraged me to run. I have done my research. I am aware of the lack of diversity and am committed to student interests and their success. I see Judge Dalton as

voice for the faculty and his vacancy leaves a void.

Question: Will you speak more about your qualification? Answer: I went to ECC and then into the military. I have worked with start-up companies, negotiated contracts. I have a background in marketing. I have a college-aged student.

Question: What is your experience working with unions? Answer: I have worked with the bricklayers and SUAA. I have taken leadership training with Loretta and Dick Durbin.

REPORTS- Written Reports submitted are included at the end of the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Kimberly Tarver

Please clarify that bandwidth issue is a college issue and NOT a D2L issue.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hefferin

No report. There is a report pending for next meeting. We received a thank you note from Prairie Grove School District to thank us for the donation made in support of their strike.

President's Report: Luis Martinez

The Board of Trustees found a person to fill Judge Dalton's vacancy on the board for the 5 months prior to the next election. Luis asked Dr. Sam and he was told that the position was advertised. It is the board's expectation that this person run for office in the spring. Luis also said the board was looking for minority representation on the board.

Luis thinks the board will put together a slate of candidates. Is it possible to assemble a slate of candidates endorsed by the ECCFA? Luis thanked Howard Russo for inviting Jennifer Barconi to attend the meeting today. The ECCFA needs to consider viable candidates and influence the composition of the board and impact negotiations. ECCFA should pursue candidates with balanced views. There is only one incumbent running, Dr. Ollayos. Question about replacements-the date of resignation for Mr. Dalton is December 3. If he waited until after December 9, the board would have been permitted to appoint an individual for the remainder of the full term versus until the next election. Thank you Mr. Dalton!

Access to the internet and D2L: Luis reported that he goes to the classroom 30 minutes early and opens class materials. Tim Moore and IT are looking at the issue and proposals have been submitted to double the bandwidth. Data from D2L conflicts with anecdotal experiences. Dan Kocher talked about the Academic Technology Committee and reported that since September, the bandwidth has peaked out. They are looking at new fiber optic switch with Kane County Services. Current capacity is 100 and there will be an increase to 250. Mike said we need improved routers. The peak issues are being driven by mobile devices with push notifications which are automatic and increases wireless traffic. All traffic is impacted by this. The busiest hours are between 10 and 2 pm. Recommendations- if you use PPT in class; download to flash-drives. Student library time frames are also problematic. It is a traffic engineering problem. As a reminder, faculty can save files on the desktop and they should be accessible from any computer on campus that you sign in to. D2L problem- a learning objects file as a way to share information is problematic and is being researched. Dan Kocher commented that this discussion is the Academic Technology Committee Report.

1st Vice President's Report Howard Russo

Skills USA- Rose DiGerlando has made an appointment with Susan Timm and Dr. Boyd. The newspaper staff is writing about Skills USA.

2nd Vice President's Report Marcia Luptak

There is training with Ellie and Jessica and there are strategies to improve faculty communication. They have a survey to connect the senate and faculty, Communication is important to being informed AND having a voice. Some senators share information by email. Marcia says that folks don't all know who their senators are; senator communication is key. Some

senators copy Luis on their communications with their constituents.

3rd Vice President's Report

Cassandra Watson

Additional load approvals are in process of being addressed for next semester.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elections & Committee Openings- (May be considered as consent agenda.)

COPE

It has been a challenge to find someone to chair COPE. A few people are interested. Is there any member of the senate who would like to chair COPE? We really need someone to take this lead. What does the position entail? Responsibilities may include organizing a candidate forum, political education, work with Roger Ramey, solicit donations, ideally someone who has contacts in the community. Howard Russo declined the opportunity to serve as COPE Chair. Roger Ramey has information about who currently donates to COPE. Geographical location is a possible limiting factor. COPE responsibilities may be addressed in the constitution and other publications.

Old Business

There was a question about status of extra contractual compensation. Dr. Sam expressed interest in a memorandum of understanding versus inclusion in the contract per Luis Martinez. Howard Russo noted that communications have not been with him, the Chief Negotiator. The information about the memorandum was conveyed in response to Luis' direct question to Dr. Sam. There is some concern on Dr. Sam's part that to be a part of the contract, there has to be money allocated and a guarantee of some kind that the work will happen consistently. There is some confusion about this guarantee as it is recognized by the faculty that the work may not always be necessary. The work that has been done is contractual. It is a binding agreement and there are not any requirements that the activities happen. There has not been any additional communication regarding this matter. It was clarified that the interim negotiation is a settlement of a grievance as there was negotiating going on outside the contract. The deadline for the December Board of Trustees meeting is looming.

New Business

- Relay for Life: ECCFA Team
- FAVs- Food Drive (Rick Bonnom)
 - The Food Drive is 12/3-14. There will also be a virtual food drive online. Spartan Christian Fellowship will create posters and will be specific about ECCFA. Collection boxes will be placed across campus. Emails will go out to solicit cash, checks, food and collections to be held at the end of the semester party. Rick Bonnom moved to donate a cash sum of \$500; Pat O'Brien seconded. The motion was amended by Linda Hefferin that the ECCFA match monetary donations, up to \$500. Seconded by Rick Bonnom. The motion passed.
- Skills USA- Joyce Ross was interested in discussing a possible donation to the Skills USA fund managed by the Foundation. She would like to hold this idea until it is determined what financial shortfalls, if any, exist.
- Sentinel- Lori Clark is reminding faculty the due date is next week for the last publication of the semester and she would welcome a piece on the food drive. The content is sparse.

Division Issues

- Miroslav Rezac reported that after 2 years, there is a lab assistant position, a candidate has been recommended. They are waiting for HR to make the final arrangements.
- Dan Kocher made a motion to go to executive session. Pat O'Brien seconded. The motion passed. After a very

brief discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Kocher and seconded by Pat O'Brien. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Cassandra Watson made a motion to adjourn at 4:34 pm which was seconded by Dan Kocher. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2012, 3:00-5:00 PM, C-120

REPORTS

President's Report (Luis Martinez)

- The Board of Trustees is in the process of selecting a replacement to take Mr. John Dalton's seat at the Board, since Mr. Dalton was elected as Kane County Circuit Court Judge. This will be a five month replacement. There will be elections in April of 2013 for three Board seats.
- Tim Moore gave an update on the status of the D2L slowness. The issue was reviewed involving IT and Desire2Learn support. According to Michael Chahino, while ECC is not currently overusing its bandwidth, we do peg the maximum bandwidth regularly. A recent D2L review of the ECC server showed that they it was regularly getting a 5 – 10 second response time on requests to the server. This is in line with the experience of Distance Learning Staff when checking the server during regular load times (off-peak) and from home connections. According to Tim's update, it seems that currently there are no additional issues that can be addressed, and that once ECC acquires more bandwidth, they will be able to determine if the issue has been resolved, and that at the moment, it appears that the server is operational, within expected parameters.
- Save the date of Friday, December 7, for the ECCFA's End of the Semester Party, at Carminas, starting at 4:30 PM. We will be collecting Donations for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Food and Music provided by the ECCFA. There will be a cash bar.

1st Vice President's Report (Howard Russo)

2nd Vice President's Report (Marcia Luptak)

3rd Vice President's Report (Cassandra Watson)

Insurance Committee (Luis Martinez)

Lundstrom representative stated that by 2014, anyone working 30 hours will have insurance, including some of our adjunct faculty members in counseling and librarians. SECCA staff will also be impacted. Luis Martinez has a copy of the presentation for Al Szabo.

Sentinel (Lori Clark)

Publication Dates & Submission Deadlines
December 10—deadline on December 6

ECCFA Important Dates for 2012-2013

December 12, 2012(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120

December 14, 2012 (F) Grading Day AND Graduation (NOTE: Classes end TH 12/13)

December 17, 2011 (M) 8:00 AM Grades Due

SPRING SEMESTER 2013

January 10, 2013 (R) TBA ECCFA General Member Meeting & Luncheon UBC Dining

January 11, 2013 (F) 9:00-10:00 AM New Faculty Intro/Welcome to ECCFA Meeting F-203 (ICT 203)
January 11, 2013 (F) 1:00-2:00 PM Instructional Coordinator/ECCFA Meeting F-203 (ICT 203)
January 16, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
January 30, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
February 13, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
February 27, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
March 13, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120 (NOTE: Spring Break 3/25)
April 3, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
April 17, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
May 1, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
May 15, 2013(W) 3:00-5:00 PM Senate Meeting C-120
May 16, 2013 (R) Grading Day
(NOTE: Classes end W 5/15)
May 17, 2013 (F) Graduation
May 20, 2013 (M) 8:00 AM Grades due