

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

SENATE MEETING MINUTES
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, ROOM C-120

Call to Order at 3:05 - Luis Martinez, ECCFA President

ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Anderko, Rick Bonnom, Michele Brynelsen, Jessica Carpenter, Mary Elfring, Cindy Hutman, Dan Kocher, David Lawrence, Marcia Luptak, , Luis Martinez, Gary Norden, Patricia O'Brien, Mary O'Sullivan, Warren Peto, Roger Ramey, David Reich Howard Russo, Alisa Smith-Riel , Eleanor Swanson, Kimberly Tarver, Baudelaire Ulysse , Scott Vaszily, Cassandra Watson, Jessica Wedemeyer, Tammy Ray (web master) Patrick Gordon

Absent: Joel Peck, Cathy Tomasik, , Christina Marrocco, Loretta McCallister

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & GUESTS

Dr. Sam explained he was here to discuss three issues addressed in his meetings with Dr. Martinez.

- 1) PTA Clinical Contracts: Obtaining clinical sites is very difficult. We have our agreements approved by an attorney. If there are no modifications, the process is quick. Any modifications require review and that takes time. The PTA Program has 32 contracts and we have 8 pending in the process. We are so deficient. That is the real issue. As facilities consolidate, the challenge will increase. Contracts will need to go to corporate offices. We have one person that reviews contracts; she is overwhelmed. If the 8 are approved, we will have 40. The dean doesn't believe we can get the contracts we need. Many clinics offer up to 3 spots. In other areas, the competition is fiercer than before.
- 2) Camera in the garage area of welding lab facilities: He went to look at it yesterday. Given the objectives, he has requested to put the camera outside. While he was there, he observed obsolete equipment and spent \$4500 to replace some equipment. The conversation with deputy police chief is aware of the change.
- 3) Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs): We had a recent presentation that reflected national trends. He is also worried and fearful of MOOCs, He compared it to a tsunami and cannot be avoided. There are indications that there will be an impact. Texas and Florida governors have insisted on \$10,000 baccalaureate degree programs, impossible challenges. Other states are looking at it too. It is not something that the Board of Trustees and the administration are doing **to** faculty, it is the state and oversight bodies doing this to "us". He referred to transfer credits and whether or not we can accept those credits as this will eat away at our general education offerings. We need to be cognizant of the issues. Bill Gates is talking about flipped MOOCs. Dr. Sam believes we will be successful. He mentioned the personal touch and challenges associated with online learning. Stanford offered MOOCs for Stanford students, impacting attendance with face-to-face classes. The MOOC offering will impact us in the future because of dissatisfaction with the academy, and students want immediate responses via email and technology.

At the end of his talk, the floor was open for questions/comments. Luis requested we ask questions in the order that Dr. Sam presented.

1 Questions/Comments- 1) In the nursing program, we have expired contracts. We are sending students out to sites with expired contracts. 2) There is inaccuracy with the numbers quoted and we need to clarify the number of sites per contract. The number of contracts is not equal to the number of sites. 3) It takes a very long time for contracts to be processed. It is embarrassing to have contracts taking more than a year to be processed. What is the time frame we can share with potential sites? This information is needed to communicate with potential sites. 5) Shared governance. The contract ECC uses was modified without consulting the programs. Who is not at the table? Luis stated that we are

willing to work together. 6) Dr. Sam stated that within a month, the Dean will be able submit a report to the programs. He stated that, "This is my personal mission" and he is planning to meet with the Dean and the Vice-President. 7) The hardest thing is that you have had to come here to make sure this gets done. Dr. Sam is in agreement that it takes so long for resolution as well.

2 Questions/Comments- Thank you for resolving the matter of the camera being placed in an instructional area. Faculty are frustrated that Dr. Sam had to be involved in the situation. He agrees, cameras are not appropriate in instructional settings.

3 Questions/Comments- 1) Recent University of Illinois publication discusses the negative impact of MOOCs. 2) What do you see our role as being? We need a committee to look at it and learn more about it, to be a part of the conversation. There is an ECC Committee assembled. Once MOOC credit becomes a part of the transcript, we'll have to address it. There may be a fee associated with MOOCs for credit. 3) There is misinformation, false information. If MOOCs are given credit, it will impact the load on faculty at ECC. That's significant. Most likely, it will impact general education courses and we will not be able to control the impact.

The Senate thanked Dr. Sam for his visit and expressed regret that he needed to be personally involved to address some of the concerns.

Libby Roeger spoke to the Senate about the Academy for College Excellence (ACE)- She wants faculty to understand what this project is because it will require faculty buy-in to be successful. It is new initiative funding and went through Student Success Infrastructure via the Developmental Education Academy Task Force looking at faculty development in the area of developmental education. The approval came late spring and they quickly moved to give faculty an opportunity to create faculty communities of practice. ACE also addresses the affective side of learning. There are things that can be done in the classroom. Faculty selection and invitation was challenging due to the timing of the project. (The event was held in August.) She met with Rose DiGerlando and then sent an email to the Dean's requesting assistance to identify faculty for the training. In the end, the ACE was held the first full week of August. There were 25 participants, 15 were faculty, 2 from Alliance high schools, some deans and some from TRIO. There was a week of training the week before the fall semester started. Faculty from nursing, humanities, math, transition academy faculty, adjuncts, and COL 101 faculty attended as they tried to get a diverse representation. The last day, participants discussed next steps. They chose to continue to meet as a community of practice. They schedule meetings through her division. She pays for the food. They met in September and will meet again in November. Some folks went to California for more training and to visit ACE college. Funding is through new initiatives. They came back to create more communities of practice and additional training. 55 different schools have participated in ACE and they have trained over 900 faculty, staff and administration. There are 3500 students involved and research is being done. This is a Gates foundation and Rockefeller project. There is a heavily scripted curriculum, this is one of her concerns. The college buys the course kit, focused on how students learn, about how they learn, and self-awareness. It cost \$20,000 to train 25 faculty. They are looking at developmental education and allied health as areas for a pre-program course. It's being used in CTE, business, computer science, and bridge programs. The program needs faculty.

Questions/Comments- 1) I have concerns with heavily scripted courses. Choice and flexibility depend on the institution. 2) What are we doing with it? It will be for faculty to determine. We are looking at an accelerated developmental education pathway. 3) The senate is concerned about the selection process. It appeared that people were handpicked. It appears to be the same group of people. Nothing would please her more than to have more involvement and expand beyond the same group of people. How do we find them? She went through the Deans. Different deans responded in different ways. Next time, she'd send out an all call message via the academic deans.

The senate thanked her for explaining the program and responding to questions.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: KIM TARVER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Roger Ramey moved to approve and Cindy Hutman seconded the motion. There were four abstentions. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GARY NORDEN

Report accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LUIS MARTINEZ

Luis reported that the camera issue in the welding area was resolved.

Emergency Preparedness Sessions- Luis reported that, to date, only 35 FT, 26 UA, 136 administrators, and 116 SSECCA members have attended. The administration requested we provide suggested times. Senators suggested on-line training, Opening day (schedule without conflicting sessions), Saturday following opening day.

Display your "Unity" signs on office doors. Senators need to have the sign on their doors and encourage constituents to display signs. There was a question about buttons. Howard Russo move to approve \$100 for buttons, Cindy Hutman seconded. The motion passed.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: HOWARD RUSSO

No report. By the next senate meeting, we expect to have an update.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: MARCIA LUPTAK

Thank you to campus police department for monitoring the parking situation and staff parking lots.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CASSANDRA WATSON

COMMITTEE REPORTS - (refer to reports submitted included on the agenda)

Grievance-Howard Russo

Upon recommendation of the attorney, arbitration was filed.

Elections and Committees

- 1) Jessica Carpenter to attend ULI, spring session, Social Media.
- 2) Beth Santell to serve as ICISP faculty representative.
- 3) Clark Hallpike to serve as MAGIC representative on English faculty search committee. (Requested by Dr. Mao)
- 4) Heidi Eaton was approved to serve on the search committee for the new CIS full time faculty member, by electronic vote.
- 5) Marybeth Koos was approved to serve on the HIS/POS full-time position search committee, by electronic vote.

Pat O'Brien moved to consider items 1-3 as a consent agenda. Cindy Hutman seconded. The motion passed. Cassandra Watson moved to approve the consent agenda and Dan Kocher seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CETL- (Cindy Hutman)

Bylaws had been developed and approved for CETL. Sandi Brown called last week to dissolve the CETL Advisory Committee. There is no faculty member involved in reviewing proposals and any oversight. Faculty have no voice in decisions regarding CETL offerings and guest speakers. Luis received a request for Professional Development Taskforce faculty representation. They are planning a super committee. It looks like lots of things have changed.

North Central Higher Education Accreditation- Preparations are beginning; Kim & Luis have been contacted.

English faculty member, John Mravik finally got the button to open his door, his classroom and pathways to hallways and elevator. He is very happy.

Marcia Luptak- An adjunct who teaches at COD and ECC and pays dues to IFT at both locations. Is there reimbursement?

DIVISION ISSUES

ADJOURNMENT

David Reich moved to adjourn and seconded by Cassandra Watson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2013

ECCFA Important Dates

November 20, ECCFA Senate, Library C-120, 3:00-5:00 PM

November 28, Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4, ECCFA Senate, Library C-120, 3:00-5:00 PM

(Note: Classes End Thursday, December 12)

December 13, Grading Day & Graduation

December 16, Grades Due by 8:00 AM

Midterm Dates & Withdrawal Dates: elgin.edu/withdraw

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Illinois Board of Higher Education- Faculty Advisory Council, October Report

Dawn Sweeney Munson

The meeting was held at Chicago State University. President Wayne Watson discussed three challenges: pensions, performance based funding with metrics that may not be appropriate for the cohort of students in our future, and the gap between rich and poor, minorities and non-minorities.

CSU Provost Henderson highlighted the following key issues: the need for quality, access, affordability, student success, accreditation, crisis management, diversity, technology, remediation, and non-traditional students.

The Dean of Library and Information Sciences presented on the top trends in academic libraries.

The IBHE-FAC president discussed that this year is FAC's 50th anniversary.

The IBHE-FAC vice-president's topics included: rethinking early childhood education and better connecting institutions and their faculty with legislators and business/industry. She also discussed the P-20 initiative and common core standards.

The Community College Caucus talked about the following topics: keeping an eye on pensions and how this is affecting faculty hiring, the 6% rule for salary increases near retirement, pushing the idea of quality given the 60% by 2025 goal, Dual Credit and the qualifications and quality control for high school instructors, losing counselors, and the mathematic unrealism of the 60% by 2025 goal.

SLAAC (Eric Long)- A full report is expected for the November 6 meeting.