

Administrative Faculty Senate Minutes – Friday, October 2, 2009 – Adanti Student Center 201

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am. There was a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on Friday, September 11, 2009. There was a second. All in favor – accepted unanimously.

The President's Dialogue – there was an article in the Southern News on the dialogue.

Margaret Huda reported that the replacing of any retired faculty has to go to Chancellor Carter to get approval for any hiring to take place.

Retired staff had checks that have been incorrect. Amanda Salvo reported that it is presently being worked on for correction.

Sal Rizza reported that computers are being donated to students based on need. This program is being sponsored by IT, Institutional Advancement, and Student Government.

Chris Piscitelli reported that **administrative faculty members** should get involved with the NEASC. This is the reaccreditation for SCSU for ten (10) years. The whole reaccreditation process will take place from October 2009 to October 2011.

There is an advisory committee for the Strategic Plan. This advisory committee is looking for representation from the **Administrative Faculty Senate**.

The Steering Committee has been established. The Steering Committee is Margaret Huda, Kathy Yalof, Cindy Shea, the Secretary (Mark Ceneviva), the Vice President (Delinda Conte), and the President (Chris Piscitelli). The Steering Committee will meet one week before the regular meeting. The Secretary will send out notification regarding both.

The Nominations and Elections Committee has been established. Tom Dorr from Student Affairs, Margaret Huda from the President's area, John Rochette from Academic Affairs, Robin Kenefick from Finance, and an open position in Institutional Advancement.

Sabbatical Leave – President Chris Piscitelli reported that **administrative faculty members** may want to pursue this if they so choose. This is an important opportunity for **administrative faculty members** and there needs to be a foundation for us.

Matt Lesieur has sabbatical leave procedures. Chris Piscitelli will speak with both President Norton and Ryan Nobrega (SUOAF AFSCME) regarding sabbatical leave. **The Sabbatical Leave Committee in terms of naming members on it has been placed on hold although Phil Koslowski, Sal Rizza, and Kathy Yalof may have a interest in it.**

The University Liaison Committee is placed on hold at this time. We need some history on this. We need to invite past presidents Jack Mordente, John Young, and Rick Riccardi to one of our meetings.

The By Laws Committee is Sal Rizza, Rob DeMezzo, Lisa Galvin, and Tina Agentis. Margaret Huda will serve as Parliamentarian.

There are three (3) senatorial vacancies at this time. There is one (1) in Student Affairs and two (2) are in Institutional Advancement.

For a change in our Constitution – the change must be ratified by the membership at large. For a change in the By Laws – the change can be made through the Senate.

There was a motion to amend the By Laws. The motion was seconded. **To amend 1.7 for 2009 – 2010 - To allow vacancies to be filled by Presidential appointment and to be confirmed by two thirds (2/3) of the Administrative Faculty Senate.** An electronic cast will be made available (by the Secretary) to our senate members seven (7) days from the minutes being sent out for a vote on this.

There are also alternate positions open within our body membership.

Taking classes during work time is not an available option. The accountability and controls are not in place to allow this to happen at this time.

Issues and concern that have to do with contractual work are SUOAF AFSCME issues.

The subject of adjunct faculty hiring was brought up and it was reported that there is not enough of diversity in the hiring process.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Mark W. Ceneviva

AFS Secretary