**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**October 21, 2015 – 12:00-1:20 pm – SCP 117**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Bender, Bennett, Beyers, Blake, Brechman, Brown-Glaude, Bush-Wallace, Curtis, Dickinson, Didi-Ogren, Domingo, Farrell, Ghitulescu, Girard, Gosselin, Guarracino, Hirsh, Hughes, Jaksch, Krimmel, Krstic, LaJevic, Leonard, Li, Lopes-Murphy, McCarty, Meixner, Morin, Norvell, O’Connell, Paliwal, Sears, Steinberg, Vickerman, Weng, Wiita.

**Excused:** Anthony, Benoit, Deese.

**Absent:** Holleran, Winston.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 9/16/15 meeting were approved as amended.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.
* President Gitenstein and Donna Donohue sent out an email about the Day of Service in honor of Pat Donohue. The event was held last Saturday. There was a great turnout of faculty, students, Bonner Scholars, etc. Thanks to everyone who participated.
* TCNJ Capital Campaign – nearly 70% of the $40 million goal has been raised. The campaign will continue until 2017. Thursday, November 5th is the Day of Giving. There is a 500-donor goal. If we get 250 donors, an alumnus will contribute an additional $5000. If you are thinking of donating, that would be a great day to do it so that we can get the additional donation.
* AFT meeting is in Armstrong 136 today.
* November 4th is the Faculty Senate Colloquium. Diane Bates from Social Anthropology will be speaking on “Superstorm Sandy: An Environmental Sociologist Speaks About the Inevitable Destruction and Reconstruction of the Jersey Shore.” Please encourage your colleagues to attend. The spring colloquium speaker is Morton Winston, whose talk is titled “On Moral Progress.”

**APPOINTMENTS**

* FSCPC has 2 vacancies.
* Nicholas Toludis has volunteered to fill one of them.
* Approved unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS PART 1**

* CSCC – Glenn Steinberg gave the following report: CSCC elected Susan Ryan as chair. There was no other business.
* Trustees Report – Marcia O’Connell gave the attached Trustees Report. **(Attachment 1)**

**VISIT FROM PROVOST JACQUELINE TAYLOR**

* Provost Taylor spoke about the Big Issues document.
  + She thanked the senate for its work on the document and believes that the provost/faculty relationship seems to be in good shape.
  + She said that we are on the same page regarding college identity.
  + She agrees that faculty should not be required to teach during winter or summer sessions.
  + She is in complete agreement that governance should be shared.
  + Discussion.
* Provost Taylor reviewed the status of the strategic plan.
  + Discussion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS PART 2**

* CAP – Manish Paliwal gave the attached report for CAP. **(Attachment 2)**
* CFA – Paul Wiita gave the attached report for CFA. **(Attachment 3)**
* CSPP – David Blake gave the attached report for CSPP. **(Attachment 4)**

**AFT REPORT**

* John Krimmel gave the attached report for AFT. **(Attachment 5)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

**Attachment 1**

Board of Trustees Report for Senate Meeting

October 21, 2015

The Board of Trustees had its last meeting on October 6, 2015. It was reported by the liaison to the TCNJ Foundation that the newly established coordination between the Foundation Board, the Alumni Association, and the Board of Trustees is continuing to have positive outcomes. In particular, the Foundation has created new areas of support for the institution, including contributions to the School of Arts and Communication, and the Foundation is currently working on more directly aligning its Strategic Plan with that of the college. In the report of the Student Affairs Committee it was announced that one of our coaches, Sharon Pfluger, who coaches both Field Hockey and Women’s Lacrosse, just had her 1,000 career win as a coach. This places her at the top of successful DIII coaches in the country. The Buildings and Ground committee reported on their 10 year Master Plan, which was developed with a great deal of input from across campus, and was approved by the Board at this meeting. The Finance and Investment committee reported that the college performed a debt capacity analysis, and is pleased to report that the college has maintained its Moody’s A2 rating, and that overall the college is in good shape. Finally, the College Advancement Committee reported that there has been continued significant improvement in the relationship between the Ewing community and the college, that Alumni Affairs is developing a much more strategic approach to its outreach efforts, and that the Capital Campaign continues to be ahead of its goals. At this point the campaign has already raised 27 million of the 40 million goal set for 2017.

Submitted by Marcia O’Connell and Mort Winston

Attachment 2

**CAP Report**

**Certificate programs**: The committee reviewed preliminary recommendations document about certificate programs.  Several changes were discussed: a) changing “college-wide” to “interdisciplinary”, b) change language to include **only** co-curricular certificates, c) clarify the language on double-counting a course or activity, d) clarify how many certificates students can obtain.

**Proposed Minor in Computational and Mathematical Biology:** The committee reviewed and approved the new minor unanimously.

**Undergraduate internship policy**: Reviewed the testimony questions and discussed the meaning of “on the job” hours (vs. commuting).

**Change of Major policy**: Discussed to provide better clarity on change of major requirements. Also discussed criteria for evaluating transfer students.

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**CFA Report to the Faculty Senate, 21 October, 2015**

The Committee on Faculty Affairs met on September 23rd and October 14th. The following matters were discussed:

1. Disciplinary Standards for several additional departments have been approved or sent back to those departments with suggestions.
2. Additional revisions to the Promotion and Reappointment Document are being undertaken. The main goal is to streamline and simplify whenever possible. Possible changes to sections on Instruction and Service have been referred to CFA subcommittees.
3. A Preliminary Recommendation that would change the SOSA RFP to allow for more flexibility has been passed and will be sent out to the campus for comment. Under this recommendation, faculty might request funds to facilitate research in lieu of one or both course releases. An Open Forum and Qualtrics survey will be held before the next Senate meeting.
4. The MUSE RFP for Summer 2016 has been discussed and will be finalized and circulated shortly.

**ATTACHMENT 4**

CSPP REPORT

CSPP has met several times since the September Faculty Senate meeting to discuss revisions to the Strategic Plan. This has included a combined meeting with SPARC (the Strategic Planning and Resource Committee) on October 14, two open fora (September 19 and October 20), and the October 21 Faculty Senate meeting attended by Provost Jackie Taylor. CSPP will have a two-day retreat next week to come up with a final version of the Strategic Plan for presentation to the campus community, President Gitenstein, and the Board of Trustees.

Submitted David Blake, Dept of English

October 21, 2015

**ATTACHMENT 5**

AFT President’s Report, October 2015

Attended COPE meeting in Union New Jersey

Attended AFT Executive Board Meeting in Jamesburg, New Jersey

Attended Council meeting in Jamesburg, New Jersey

Attended fund raiser for State Assemblyman Dan Benson

Worked on grievance for professor in SOE

Worked on complaint for a member of professional staff

Attended negotiations with Adjunct faculty v. OER

Finished FYR

Returned Blended Learning MOA

Awarded 4 scholarships (AFT to children of members)

Kicked of Button campaign

Kicked off Adjunct recruitment