**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**February 17, 2010**

In attendance: Alexy, Al-Omaishi, Alves, Bender, Borland, BuSha, Curtis, Didi-Ogren, Heisler, Hernandez, Hunt, Jackson, Joshi, Kamber, Kang, Lovett, McCarty, Meola, Michels, Norvell, O’Brien, O’Connell, Petroff, Rao, Ruscio, SanPedro, Speaker, Steele, Steinberg, Tang, Tate, Vandegrift, Wickramasinghe, and Winston.

Excused: Benoit, Eberly, Edelbach, Leake, Li, McMahan, Morin, and Vivona.

Absent: Allison

OPEN FORUM – CAP

Preliminary Recommendations for Types of Majors and Transfer Credit Policy were presented by Cathy Liebars. Discussion and suggestions ensued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.

THE BIG ISSUES FACING TCNJ, 2009

It was moved by Glenn Steinberg, and seconded by Mort Winston to accept the document as distributed. Discussion ensued. The following motions were made to amend the document:

1. Change the title of the document to “The Big Issues Confronting TCNJ, 2010.” (moved by McCarty, seconded by Hernandez) Motion carried.
2. In the Governance section: Change CCP to read CPP and “advising” to “advisory.” Make recommended punctuation and grammar changes elsewhere in the document. (moved by Joshi, seconded by Alexi) Motion carried.
3. Remove first paragraph under “I. Academics.” Edit first sentence of next paragraph to read, “We believe we must focus our attention on the academic enterprise as the central mission of the College.” (moved by O’Connell, seconded by Borland) Motion carried.
4. Edit wording in first sentence of the Student Learning section. (moved by Steele, seconded by Alexi) Motion failed.
5. Edit wording in the second sentence of the second paragraph of the Student Learning section to read, “There is little consensus among faculty in some disciplines about what it means to “involve students in research.” ” (moved by Alves, seconded by Borland) Motion carried.
6. In paragraph 3 or Support for Faculty, change “strong faculty members” to “faculty members with active research programs.” (moved by Joshi, seconded by Hernandez) Motion carried.
7. In paragraph 3 or Support for Faculty, add new fourth sentence reading, “Funding for the SOSA and sabbatical programs should be increased to meet the current and increasing scholarship needs of TCNJ faculty.” (moved by Jackson, seconded by Steele) Motion carried.
8. Change heading of “Affordability and Our Institutional Identity” to “Development, Our Institutional Identity, and Affordability” and edit last sentence of preamble to read, “…under the heading of DEVELOPMENT, OUR INSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY, AND AFFORDABILITY we address these issues.” (moved by Borland, seconded by Steele) Motion Carried.
9. Remove the comma from the transmittal date. (moved by Steele, seconded by Bender) Motion Carried.
10. In the sixth paragraph under Student Learning, add a new third sentence reading, “We recognize that a diverse student body depends on the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty and staff.” (moved by Jackson, seconded by Steele) Motion carried.
11. Edit the second sentence of the final paragraph under Student Learning to read, “Reliance on adjunct faculty remains high, although it is uneven across campus.” (moved by Steele, seconded by Borland) Motion carried.
12. Edit the final sentences of the third paragraph under Assessment of Transformation to read, “Too few students have opted to pursue these concentrations. We should examine student interest in or understanding of these options and how students are advised about them.” (moved by Kamber, seconded by Steinberg) Motion carried.

The motion to accept the document as amended passed unanimously.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

* CAP – Arti Joshi reported that CAP approved a public health minor submitted by the Sociology department.
* CFA – Jie Kang reported that CFA met on 1/27/10 and discussed in response to the charge made by the Steering Committee to develop procedures for reviewing applications submitted by a member of SOSA or sabbatical committee.
* CPP – Mort Winston reported that the CPP met last on January 27, 2010. At that meeting CPP approved a revised set of principles for construction an academic calendar which was sent to Steering. We had earlier sent a steering a set of proposed guidelines for approving graduate certificate e programs. Steering has recently informed us that we should proceed to take further testimony on our proposal. CPP also discussed a charge from steering concerning an SGA proposal for student honor code, but there have been no new developments on that issue since our December meeting. Our meeting that was supposed to take place last Wednesday but which had to be cancelled because of “Snowzilla -- the Sequel” has been rescheduled for today from 1:30-2:50. The main project for CPP continues to be drafting the Middle States Periodic Review report. We plan to have a complete draft ready for campus-wide review and consultation in late March. The report is due to be submitted on June 1, 2010. At our meeting later today CPP will also consider a document entitled “Renewing CPP’s Role in Strategic Planning” that proposes a process for developing a strategic plan for TCNJ.
* CSCC – Wayne Heisler reported that CSCC is awaiting feedback from TCNJ’s General Counsel Thomas Mahoney on their Travel Policy draft. In anticipation of a future charge to review the College’s disciplinary standards, CSCC has invited Angela Lauer Chong, Associate Dean of Students, to join them for a discussion. She will be attending their meeting on March 24, 2010. CSCC is also anticipating a charge to review the draft of an Honor Code for the College.
* Board of Trustees – Orlando Hernandez reported that the last Board of Trustees meeting was on December 8th. All committee work was postponed for the first meeting this semester. On that date, there was only a brief conference call on a simple agenda to ratify personnel actions and no bid solicitations. The first full BOT meeting this semester is on February 23rd, although the Executive Committee of the Board did meet on February 2nd.
* Steering – Amanda Norvell reported that the Steering committee reviewed a governance document.

CURT HEURING ON CAMPUS TOWN

Curt Heuring made a presentation on the proposed development of a new town center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* March 3 – 12:00 – 1:00 – Music Concert Hall – Colloquium for Faculty Research & Creative Activity – Ellen Friedman
* March 17 – 11:00 – 1:20 – Faculty Senate Meeting with Open Forum – Music Bldg. room 027
* March 24 – 12:30 – 1:30 – Social Science Atrium – Faculty-Administrator Community Event
* April 7 – 11:30 – 1:30 – Library Auditorium – Cary Nelson, President of AAUP. Reception preceding talk
* April 21 – 12:00 – 1:20 – Faculty Senate Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette LaBar

Faculty Senate Staff Secretary