**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**May 5, 2010**

In attendance: Alexy, Anthony, Bender, Benoit, Borland, BuSha, Carver, Chan, Curtis, DePasquale, Didi-Ogren, Harris, Heisler, Hernandez, Hunt, Leake, Li, Lillevik, Lovett, McMahan, Meola, Michels, Moore, Morin, Novell, Petroff, Ruscio, Ryan, SanPedro, Speaker, Tang, Vivona, and Wickramasinghe.

Excused: Adler, Eberly, Edelbach, Karsnitz, Nicolosi, O’Brien, Steinberg, and Winston.

Absent: Chak and Farrell.

OPEN FORUM: CPP PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PRINCIPLES OF PRIORITIZATION FOR PROGRAM CLOSURE

Carol Bresnahan and Helene Anthony fielded questions and concerns about this report.

MILDRED DAHNE AWARD

John Marcy of the College Advancement office presented this year’s Mildred Dahne Award to Gerald Miller of the School of Business, Accountancy and Information Systems.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Michael Robertson and Jim Bricker reported to the senate what this council has accomplished this year and its plans for the future.

CHAIRS’ REPORT

Marcia O’Connell presented a report on developing a culture of support at TCNJ for chairs and program leaders. The main issue is faculty are reluctant to be chair. A question and answer session followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Hernandez, and seconded by Bender, to accept the amendment of Article V.1. Discussion ensued and several minor revisions were made. The motion passed as amended.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Bender to accept the recommendation of appointments to committees. There being no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

COLLEGEWIDE STANDING COMMITTEES

* Academic Programs (CAP) – No report.
* Faculty Affairs (CFA) – Jeanine Vivona that CFA has considered testimony on three preliminary reports from an open forum (4/21/10), email, and two online surveys, and are making the following changes to their recommendations: 1) Faculty Office Hours – in response to input from both faculty and students, CFA added a minimum office hours requirement for full-time and part-time faculty, but not for adjunct faculty. The final recommendation will be submitted to Steering this month. 2) Ways to Handle Applications from Members of SOSA and Sabbatical Committees – CRA is revising their recommendations in recognition of widespread concern about conflicts of interest when faculty applicants are members of these committees. CFA will propose that applicants not be allowed to serve on the Sabbatical committee. CFA will drop the FSSC from their recommendation. And CFA will develop revised procedures for the SOSA committee, which will be completed in the Fall and presented for comment in an open forum before a final recommendation is developed. 3) Disciplinary Standards (DS) – there are conflicting opinions among faculty about whether equity in expectations of faculty across departments and programs is a desirable goal. In the opinion of CFA, it is unclear whether such equity is desirable overall (there are clearly advantages and disadvantages), and it is premature to attempt it, given the tremendous variability in the quality of the DS documents. Their final recommendation, like their preliminary recommendation, focuses on equity in the quality of the DS documents; such equity affords all faculty undergoing personnel decisions equal clarity about the expectations of them. CFA does not advocate attempts to establish equity in the expectations expressed in those documents at this time. CFA will submit their final recommendation to Steering this month. Also, CFA is finalizing their response to recommend changes to the PRD and procedures from the CPC. The only significant change is the addition of a consistent format for summarizing data from student evaluation forms. A final open charge regarding the Promotion and Reappointment Document (PRD) will be considered in Fall 2010.
* Planning & Priorities (CPP) – CPP is finalizing the Middle States Periodic Review Report and will send it on to Middle States this month. They are continuing to address the president’s request to provide input on principles for prioritization of programs as the cabinet considers programs for possible closure. They are also continuing efforts to regularize institutional strategic planning.
* Student & Campus Community (CSCC) – No new report. See April’s report.
* Trustee’s Report – No report.

ELECTION OF 2009-10 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

There being no nominations from the floor, the following slate of board members were elected by affirmation:

President – Cindy Curtis

Vice President – Amanda Norvell

Parliamentarian – Matt Bender

Executive Board Members – Elizabeth Borland, John Karsnitz, Marc Meola, Kevin Michels, and Kathryne Speaker