**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**September 16, 2009**

In attendance: Alexy, Allison, Al-Omaishi, Alves, Bender, Benoit, Borland, Curtis, Didi-Ogren, Eberly, Edelbach, Heisler, Hernandez, Hunt, Jackson, Joshi, Kamber, Kang, Karsnitz, Leake, Li, Lovett, McCarty, McMahan, Meola, Michels, Morin, Norvell, O’Brien, O’Connell, Petroff, Rao, Ruscio, SanPedro, Speaker, Steele, Steinberg, Tang, Tate Vandegrift, Vivona, and Wickramasinghe.

Excused: Winston.

BART TRAINING

A report on BART training was given by Magda Manetas. Training sessions will occur in the near future. If you have questions or concerns, contact Wayne Heisler at wheisler@tcnj.edu.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The flu immunization program will begin on Thursday, September 17th.
* The Green Dot Initiative will begin on campus. Please nominate individual members of faculty and staff whom you feel are public opinion leaders on campus.

BUDGET

A motion was made by Ralph Edelbach, and seconded by Glenn Steinberg, to accept the budget as proposed by the Senate Executive Board. Motion passed unanimously.

THE BIG ISSUES OF 2009

A motion was made by Arti Joshi, and seconded by John McCarty, to conduct a review of the Big Issues. Motion passed unanimously.

The SEB offered a list of issues to consider and additional suggestions were made from the floor. A motion was made by Kathryne Speaker, seconded by Glenn Steinberg, to form five sub-committees, each committee taking on several suggested issues. The five sub-committees will be: support of teaching and scholarship, students, institutional identity, assessment of transformation, and governance and strategic planning.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Elizabeth Borland, and seconded by Carlos Alves, to approve the slate of additional members to six Senate committees. The motion passed unanimously.

JANUARY SENATE MEETING

It was moved by Glenn Steinberg, and seconded by Orlando Hernandez, that the January 20, 2010 meeting include all faculty with an address from the provost. The motion passed unanimously.

CONVOCATION

A motion was made by Matt Bender, and seconded by (Cindy – help-who seconded this?) to postpone discussion of this issue to the next senate meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

COLLEGEWIDE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

* Academic Programs (CAP) – John Karsnitz reported that the committee’s new chairperson is Cathy Liebars and the new vice-chair is Brenda Leake. CAP will be looking at recommendations on New Course Approval and Syllabi.
* Faculty Affairs (CFA) – Jeanine Vivona reported that CFA: 1) is currently working on the Charge on Interdisciplinarity: to review the promotions document and to recommend revisions to encourage and recognize interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship, and service. A subcommittee was formed to gather information from a few faculty involved in interdisciplinary work and will soon develop recommended amendments to the promotions document and present these to the faculty at an upcoming Senate meeting; 2) is considering revisions to the reappointment, tenure and promotion policies; 3) is awaiting other charges.
* Planning & Priorities (CPP) – Cindy Curtis reported that the committee has not as yet met this year.
* Student & Campus Community (CSCC) – Wayne Heisler reported that this committee is 1) responding to a recommendation from CPP that CSCC take a more active role in planning the commemoration of Martin Luther King Day; 2) has completed a draft on the student travel policy. This draft will be presented to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and SGA later this semester.
* Board of Trustees: John Allison reported that the September 8, 2009 meeting of the board included the passing of the FY’10 budget and the non-unit salary and merit increase deferral resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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