FACULTY SENATE MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2007

MINUTES

These Minutes have been approved by the Senate Body.


The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul Schreiber. The minutes were reviewed. Corrections to the minutes were made and pending official adoption. Dr. Schreiber informed the Senate of the outcome of his meeting with past president, Dr. Showi. Dr. Showi provided him with an update of the Senate’s 2006-2007 Academic year which included the following:

- Acquired for the Faculty Senate office Furniture, Computer, Printer and Telephone, Telephone bill is no longer coming out of Senate Budget
- Release time for faculty--faculty members with teaching loads of 16 or 17 credits will only teach 6 to 9 credits the following semester
- Merit Pay was instituted
- Pay raises are equal across the board (not merit pay)
- Caps on Core Classes have been established. Instead of increasing the number of students to be enrolled in a section, new sections should be opened

Additionally, Dr. Showi gave a summary of items currently in the process of being completed:

- Faculty Senate Web Page.
- Increase in Faculty Senate Budget
- Faculty Handbook Committee
- Tenure and Promotion policies

Unfinished business focused primarily on prioritizing goals for the upcoming year. Dr. Catchings presented a list of issues that had been presented to her. These concerns were organized under four broad categories: Academics, Infrastructure/Technology; Marketing and Communication and Faculty Senate Office. A committee of three, Dr. Catchings, Ms. Evans, and Mr. Wilkerson, was chosen to prioritize the issues/concerns and report back to the full committee. These issues were reflective of those outlined at the last meeting:

- Increase faculty participation
- Parking
- Communication – internal and external
- Academic program enhancement
- Faculty pay
- Lighting – outside/security
A discussion of more accountability for scholarship disbursement ensued. Ms. Evans recommended giving department chairs discretion in awarding scholarships. A request was made by Senator J. Greene to convene an Executive Session. This was done. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted;

Bertha Ealey

Bertha Ealey, Secretary

Paul Schreiber

Paul Schreiber, President