

JANUARY MINUTES
HCC FACULTY SENATE
January 11, 2013 – 1:30 pm
Central College – LHSB-100

I. Call to Order – Tod Bisch

1:31

II. Approval of December 14, 2012 Minutes – Suna Ridouane

Approved

III. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Graves

Got Foundation reimbursement for auction. No other report.

IV. Standing Committee Reports (Volunteer Sign-up Sheets)

a) Compensation, Benefits, Workload Committee – Wes Anthony and David Wilcox

No report.

b) Finance Committee – Jennifer Graves

No report.

c) Professional Development – Mary Puccini-Jenn Graves-Mikki Novak

Teaching excellence awards revived and will be implemented in the fall 2014. Trying to secure funding from administrators for a cash award. Will be competitive.

d) Educational Affairs – Ritu Raju

No report.

e) Policies and Procedures – Melissa Miller-Waters

Working on revising Faculty Advising Handbook. Will have a draft for next meeting.

f) Student Success – Marilyn Douglas- Jones

Met. Nov. 14. Will submit a proposal for Faculty Conference. Dr. Oberon, Bill Carter, and others to present.

g) Graduation – David White and Mannie Bloemen

Main concern has to do with faculty who are on 9 month contracts, since graduation is on May 18, which is beyond the 9 month contract. Pres. Bisch says there's about 30 people who are included. Has been working with administrators

on how to best resolve any conflicts. A new survey will likely be sent out for next year's graduation.

V. Special Committees and Caucuses

a) *Faculty Conference Committee – Linda Comte*

14 proposals only; room for 24. Please encourage people to submit. Try to involve adjuncts in presenting. Many proposals coming from administrators. Deadline is Jan 18. As of today, registration is 348. Have told hotel to be prepared for 400. Speaker Bobbie Newman is confirmed as keynote speaker. Committee will review proposals. Printing has been comp'ed with the help of Pres. Bisch. Will stuff bags on Thursday. Committee needs people to bring fresh ideas and brainstorming.

b) *Past Presidents – Linda Comte*

No report for Past Presidents.

D&I Council will be moving out the colleges, under the guidance of David Cross, once it goes before the Board. There will be D&I groups at each college. Probably will be sometime this spring.

Herlinda Garcia has extended an open invitation to faculty to her reception. Will need to RSVP to Board Services at 8-8398.

VI. President's Report – Tod Bisch

- **Senate Cabinet – Report on January 3, 2013 Meeting**
 - Release of Employee Personal Information; letters sent out to all employees for credit monitoring.

- **Board of Trustees –Meetings December 13, 2012 and January 4, 2013**
 - Seek Authority to Offer BA of Science Nursing (BSN) Magnet hospitals not really supportive. Will be left up to legislature.
 - Recover expended funds for purchase of 22 acres in North Forest and for preconstruction costs including architectural, engineering geotechnical expenses.
 - Continuing saga of mode(s) of financing, timelines, Method of Procurement, Program Management and related action.
 - Accepted the resignation of Trustee Mary Ann Perez.
 - By acclamation, appointed Herlinda Garcia as Trustee, District 3.
 - Approved a large donation to the Foundation from an outside source. No specifics.
 - No mention of Chancellor Spangler Dr. Cook at Instructional Leaders Meeting said she was ill and on leave. Board has had nothing to say. She has missed two Board meetings.

- **Chancellor – No meetings, as she is on leave.**

- **Vice Chancellor of Instruction's Office**

- Contract Surveys and course payback; no confirmation emails are being sent. Why not? No news about extending deadline. Surveys were sent out when everyone was on break. Plus no confirmation being sent.
- PEP Revision Taskforce; completed the Faculty revision. Reduced number of value points from 22 to 12. Introduced civility and deadline sections. A template for Program Coordinators and Chairs. Hope to get another extension until 2nd week in February.
- Faculty Professional Development Council; Will be survey in next two weeks. based on focus groups at 5 colleges: what areas faculty would like to see, what do faculty, will be used as basis to formulate a program. Looking at best practices. This is part of Strategic Plan so hope funding will be forthcoming.
- Instructional Leaders Meeting, 01-09-2013. C. Peters spoke about changes in Core Curriculum, coming down from Coordinating Board.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

Submitted by David White; Motion that a statement be made regarding the status of the Chancellor. The motion is requiring a formal statement from Dr. Tyler. She has missed two Board meetings (December and January). Anyone who has gone through transitional periods to offer ideas and suggestions. (M. Page, L. Comte, D. Wilcox). Suggestion to tone down the language. M. Page: thinks motion is appropriate and should go to Board, who is responsible for hiring Chancellor Spangler. L. Comte: Dr. Tyler answers to Chan. Spangler. Some changes to language. Comment that maybe the Senate President should request a formal statement, rather than submitting a resolution. Most of the body disagrees with this. D. Wilcox: in the history of the institution that we've been in this exact situation. We're kind of making it up as we go along. This resolution is a good idea. Doesn't matter who responds, just as long as the Senate gets some kind of answer. Asking for a response from the Board is kind of inappropriate, because we as faculty work with Administrators, not the Board. L Comte. there used to be job descriptions of each FAS officer. One of the duties of the FAS president is to be liaison to the Board. Comment: Maybe send a letter requesting information, instead of a resolution. Body generally disagrees with this. Comment: not asking for specifics about Chancellor's condition, but about the operation of the institution. Comment: Sandy Mullins has said in an off-handed manner that Art Tyler is in charge. M. Page: doesn't feel like this is infringing on anyone's rights.

Motion carries with changes noted. (see below)

MOTION REQUESTING FORMAL STATEMENT BE MADE REGARDING STATUS OF CHANCELLOR SPANGLER

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate is solicitous not only of the good of the System, but also of the well-being of the Chancellor Mary Spangler; and,

WHEREAS Chancellor Spangler has not been seen publicly in over a month, including failing to appear at the last two public board meetings; and,

WHEREAS there are an abundance of rumors and speculation regarding the Chancellor's disposition; and,

WHEREAS the uncertainty engendered by this situation is deleterious to the HCC System as a whole; and,

WHEREAS there continue to be pressing matters before the System, the addressing of which seems to be in abeyance at the moment owing to the Chancellor's continued absence; and,

WHEREAS neither the Chancellor nor the Board has remarked upon the matter;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests an immediate formal statement from either the Chancellor herself or the Chair of the Board of Trustees, addressing and clarifying this situation to the extent that the law permits.

X. Announcements

Jan. 11 is deadline for grant Bedichek-Orman grant applications.

XI. Adjournment (no "second" required)

2:19

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 8, 2013 – Central Campus, LHSB-100 @ 1:30 pm