

Staff Senate Meeting
Business building room 124
12:00 – 1:30
Minutes
OCTOBER 18TH, 2006

Attending: S. Atkins, J. Blayne-Paul, J. Boatwright, R. Cobb, A. DeGennaro, K. Ewell, L. Gage, J. Hadge, T. Harker, L. Harris, B. Kalinowski, A. Loprinzi, C. Macleod, M. Manetas, P. Manetas, T. Marchetti, D. Maziara, L. McCarthy, M. Middleton, J. Neely, J. Pageau, C. Perry, J. Popowski, C. Puglia, A. Radonsky, N. Scarpati, B. Tellis, J. Vermeychuk, D. Willan

Excused: S. Bancroft, T. Comisky, L. Watson, M. Winkel

I. Approval of Minutes for September 2006

On a motion by K. Ewell, seconded by L. Gage, the minutes of the Sept. meeting were approved.

II. Old Business

- a. Budget updates – some senators had attended the budget information sessions presented by Dr. Gitenstein and B. Wineberg. They reported that we should have 5% in reserves since the amount in reserves impacts our Moody's credit rating.

Dr. Gitenstein expects that the best we will be able to do next year in state funding will be level funding.

Forty-six Administrative/Staff positions have been eliminated. (*there was a suggestion by senators that the Staff Senate request information on which positions these were*)

III. New Business

- a. President update:

Joe and Joanne will be leaving their respective positions of senate President and Vice President. They both expressed thanks to everyone.

- b. CPP update Nino:

Dr. Gitenstein clarified her intentions in adding a fourth principle to those guiding the work of CPP: Preserving and enhancing TCNJ's long-term financial well being.

A report will be circulated from the Student Support Services committee.

c. Traffic Appeals Board update:

Sharon Bancroft and Matt Winkel were appointed to the Traffic Appeals Board.

Joe reminded senators that committees often require meetings of one or two hours, and sometimes a couple of times a month, so we need to examine our own schedules when we intend to volunteer. Joe said he will give estimates of the time commitments when he announces opportunities to be on committees.

d. Ralph S. Brown Shared Governance Award:

M. Manetas was one of the presenters at the awards ceremony for the award received by Dr. Gitenstein. Joe thanked her for representing staff.

e. ECC on senate elections/positions: C. Puglia

Christina mentioned that the committee is still accepting nominations for the positions of President and Vice President of the staff senate.

Ad Hoc Committee report update: C. Puglia:

Christina provided copies of the revised report. The text is included at the end of these minutes. Senators were asked to send comments to her or other members of the committee by October 31st; she will again revise the document so that it can be circulated before the November meeting. The timeline suggests that a vote take place on this document at the November meeting.

f. Ad Hoc Campus Police Committee Charge

The document is attached to these minutes. There was discussion among the senators related to our participation on the committee based on the fact that Campus Police are staff members and we represent all staff members.

There was a motion by N. Scarpati seconded by C. Puglia that the following be included in the document: "The task force is expected to include testimony from campus police officers as part its review process." The motion passed with one member opposed.

Joe asked that those interested in being on the committee submit one paragraph explaining their interest in serving. Three will be selected by the Senate Exec. Board members.

College wide standing committees reports: CPP, CAP, and CSCC.

Steering Committee

There was a discussion at Steering regarding the roles of Planning Councils. Also, Steering was requesting feedback on an idea to have a scheduling and calendar advisory council so that CPP does not have to divert energy from the tasks assigned to that committee

Committee on Academic Programs

A list of potential program closures at the graduate level was provided and the committee will use the Academic Program Closure document to examine these programs

Committee for Planning and Priorities

(See IIIb above)

Committee for Student and Campus Community

The committee is awaiting charges from Steering. There is ongoing discussion about a policy related to student classroom behavior.

Discussion continues on the alcohol policy.

Staff Senate Councils:

Elections and Constitution Council

(See IIIe above)

Staff Development and Recognition Council

Joe suggested that they work on a training/orientation program for new senators and those new to committees and councils

Special Events and Community Building Council

Carol MacLeod is the new chair. She circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and asked that we purchase clothing for a November clothing drive, also for TASK. The dates for the soup kitchen are Nov. 21 (Tues.) and Nov. 29 (Wed.) and the deadline for signup is Nov. 1. Please drop off donated items (new gloves, sweatshirts, winter hats, etc.) at Human Resources in care of Carol MacLeod by Nov. 29th.

The committee is looking for some benefit, possibly a need-based scholarship, for the spring. More discussion on that.

Communications and Public Relations Council

No Report

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS POLICE

DRAFT CHARGE

10-14-06

We call for an ad hoc committee of nine members to work with Vice-President Curt Heuring and Associate Vice-President Kathryn Leverton to review the policies and operations of The College of New Jersey Campus Police. The committee will be made up of three representatives appointed by SGA, three by Staff Senate, and three by Faculty Senate.

The committee will consider ways to strengthen relations between Police and the broader campus community and ensure that Campus Police policies and operations are in accord with the first "Core Belief" in support of the College's Mission Statement: "The College comprises a caring, friendly and respectful community where the contributions of students, faculty, staff and alumni are valued and recognized."

The committee should complete its work and issue a report to the SGA, Staff Senate and Faculty Senate by the end of the Fall 2006 semester.