Minutes for January 22, 2009 Faculty Senate Meeting

Present:

Peggy Trueman – President
Angela King – Vice President
John McHugh – Treasurer
Ruffin Reynolds – Secretary
Kathie Adams
Mark Carver
Jamie Conrad
Peggy Geiger
Bob Menard
Judith Porter
Hisayo Tokura-Gallo
Teresa Worthy

1. Quorum Declared
2. Revised Agenda request: 1. Discuss a taskforce to study Early Childhood center. 2. Budget.
3. Agenda Approved
4. Name Corrections from last printed minutes.
5. Report from the Board of Trustees: John McHugh.
6. Update on Student Evaluations: the new forms will use “Strongly Agree … Agree … Neutral … Disagree … Strongly Disagree … Not Applicable”. The committee will meet to reduce the length of the instructions on the form.
7. Judith Porter, who was proxy for Virginia Grant, discussed the proposed revisions to the Faculty Senate By-Laws. Peggy proposed to send a new version to the faculty for approval after the changes are approved by the senate.
8. Teaching Excellence was discussed. The essays have been written and interviews will be conducted in Feb. with the winner being selected by the end of that month.
9. The Joint Faculty/Staff Senate project has been tabled until the fall.
10. New Business: A. The Senate Election Process will be in March, with the new and old senates meeting in April. B. Taskforce to Study Early Childhood Development Center: issues: strategic planning, New Building, Lab program for students. Also, a Faculty Senate member (or Faculty member) who has a child in the center.
11. Budget: John McHugh – The Senate had $2,100 but didn’t spend it. This year, the budget is cut to $500, then changed to $2,000, and finally cut completely.