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Minutes of the Faculty Assembly February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

The minutes of the last Faculty Assembly were not distributed, and therefore were not approved.

I. Old Business

- a. Protocol Revision Committee. James Mitchell and Tom Day presented the motion for discussion and approval. The motion is as follows:

That the Assembly shall follow the procedures in the proposed Protocol for the Faculty Assembly's Involvement in Academic Changes dated February 4, 2009;

That the proposed Protocol dated February 4, 2009 shall replace the Protocol approved by the Assembly on May 1, 2000;

That the Summary, History, text boxes, footnotes, and information in brackets in the proposed Protocol are not part of the procedures and shall be removed;

That the text shall be formatted to conform to the Assembly's constitution in the Faculty Manual.

The motion was opened to discussion. As there was no discussion, a motion was made, and seconded, to vote on the matter. This motion passed with 58 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.

II. New Business

- a. Treasurer's report. 49 members have paid their dues; 76 still have not. Checks made out to the Faculty Assembly should be given to Lisa Zuccarelli in Biology.
- b. Academic Rigor. Lisa Zuccarelli distributed a list requesting that faculty members rank the categories for the discussion of academic rigor by interest. Subsequent faculty meetings this semester will consist of a series of workshops on these topics. Faculty are asked to keep in mind that these meetings may run a little after 4pm and are asked to plan accordingly in order to allow full participation.
- c. Dr. De La Motte spoke to the faculty on the following matters:
 - i. graduation requirement change from a minimum of 128 to 120 total credits. Jim Terry assisted in taking faculty questions and comments as to the change's impact on tuition revenue, transfer students, departments, and the core.
 - ii. Dr. De La Motte also noted that McKillop Library has received two grants: One grant, in the amount of \$206,000, is for the Teaching and Learning Center, and could potentially be renewed. The second is for \$140,000, and will be used to create a Learning Commons on the library's first floor.
 - iii. Dr. De La Motte also explained future budget changes to individual departments, and how the cuts were made.

III. Announcements.

- a. FACSBS should start work in the spring.

- b. Presidential search. Will Stout reported that the “airport” interviews have finished, but there is no definite news from the Board yet as to which candidates will receive on-campus interviews.
- IV. A call to end the meeting was made, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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