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Faculty Assembly Minutes
November 3, 2010

The meeting called to order at 2:38

1. The minutes for the October 2010 faculty assembly meeting were approved.
2. Reports and Announcements
 - Treasurer's Report (Craig Condella)
 - Announced that there is a \$1225 balance in the faculty assembly account.
 - 26 faculty paid dues, call for additional individuals to pay for 2010 (\$20).
 - Elections (James Mitchell)
 - Announced new online voting system for elected committees. Nominations form to be distributed in mid November. Concerns were raised about the mechanism for of the nomination process. Faculty expressed interest in having a nomination category added to the existing form. Faculty also suggested that new online voting system be submitted as an official proposal to be voted on by the assembly.
3. American Studies (Tim Neary)
 - Presented a motion to approve a retooled interdisciplinary American Studies program
 - Motion passed - 51 approve, 3 disapprove, and 4 abstentions.
4. EPC Nomination and Election (James Mitchell)
 - The Nominations/Elections Committee sought nominations from the floor for a Professional Programs representative to the EPC for the current academic year. Arlene Nichols self nominated for participation on EPC committee. Arlene was unanimously approved.
5. Academic Affairs (Dean de la Motte)
 - Presented data obtained from the National Survey Student Engagement (NSSE) report. Powerpoint presentation and survey posted on the academic affairs webpage. The survey collects information about student engagement in participation in programs and activities that institutions deem important for student learning and personal development.
6. FACSBS (Jameson Chace)
 - Presented updates to faculty about committee requests from the 2009 - 2010 academic year. Requested additional information from faculty about the relative importance of the salary, benefits, travel, and personal development funds. Committee continues to gather information on development, sabbatical, travel and etc from all tier II schools. Jay Lacouture presented FACSBS ideas on fostering scholarship. Bernard Munge presented the analysis of salary of SRU to other Tier II institutions.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01

Addendum

Question and Answer session with Ty Brennan and Jim Terry.

Discussion items

Advantages of datatel were discussed by Ty Brennan.

Timeline of updates to faculty webpages.

Discussed the customization of datatel to meet the needs of Salve Regina University.

Questions about the approval of registration.

Assessment needs of the faculty and the effectiveness of the technology department.

Faculty expressed need for quick response to existing problems.

Faculty questions and frustrations concerning ability to communicate with incoming students were discussed. Jim Terry presented workaround solutions for department liaisons, should contact Jim directly to set up.