

Minutes College Senate

February 17, 2006 at 2:30 PM

Attendees: Tracy Cersley, Ann Connolly, Mark Fitzgerald, Cliff Haury, Jon Hexter, Ed Kingston, Sharrah Lane, David Lerman, Martha McKenna, Kaki Mitchell, Marie Melton, David Moyer, Pat O'Rourke, Jan Reed, Erica Spangler, Jose Torres

Absent: Cos Defazio, Leslie Durr, John Hancock, Jessica Kingsley, Mary Lavery-Fisher Andy Modic, John Nelson, Bettye Walsh

Ms. Cersley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She asked the Senate if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 20. Ms. Spangler requested that the spelling of her name be corrected. There was then a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate unanimously approved the minutes.

By-law Change Update

Ms. Cersley reported that the President had expressed concern that the newly proposed Senate composition may not adequately represent the FPA. She stated that the FPA will meet Monday and will discuss and respond to the president. She asked that Senate faculty representatives express their opinions to the FPA.

VPISS Search

Ms. Cersley informed the Senate that she is a member of the VPISS Search Committee. She reported that 16 applications have been received so far, and that they expect to receive 5 or 6 more. The committee will start reviewing the applications next week and will make recommendations to Human Resources.

Awards Nominations

Ms. Cersley said that President Friedman wanted to remind all about the available awards and asked that nominations be made by February 23.

She also emphasized that there is a new award, the College Board Award, which will be given for community service and service within PVCC. The awards, one for faculty and one for a student, will include a \$500 check, paid by board.

Parking Issues

Ms. Cersley stated that the Administrative Services Committee had walked through the parking lot and plan to upgrade signs to clarify parking areas.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding parking issues. The following concerns were expressed by Senate members:

- Students are parking in visitor spaces.
- Prospective students are getting parking tickets when it's not clear where visitor parking is located. The sign just states faculty/staff/visitors, which causes confusion. It was suggested that visitor parking spaces should be closer to road.
- Web students rarely come on campus. Faculty tells them to park in visitor spaces when they come to take a test, and then they are ticketed.
- ODU and MBC students are parking in parking lot 2.

- Visitor parking in marked spaces on top row—suggest stand up signs for these spots. It was suggested that, in the future, we consider having all the visitor parking in the front parking lot.
- Security guards are yelling at students. They need to be more helpful—give guidance rather than just punitive.
- Visitor parking shouldn't be for only 30 minutes.
- It was suggest that web based students get parking permit at blackboard orientation.
- The group understand that warning tickets are being given in Parking Lots 3 and 4, and concern was expressed that in the spring outside people park there to use the fields.
- It was suggested that we have open parking except for president and handicapped. Some members expressed concern that evening adjuncts need quick access. It was decided that open parking is a longer term issue.

The group recommended that in the short term, the following items be addressed:

- improve customer service of security guards and have them be proactive in directing people to appropriate parking spots;
- improve signage for visitors;
- notify web students that they are to park in lots 3 and 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.