

MINUTES
College Senate Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2006

In attendance: Tara Atkins-Brady, Kay Bethea, Linda Cahill, Yvonne Carey, Tracy Cersley, Tom Clarkson, Mark Fitzgerald (Business & Technologies alternate), Tom Hyder, Robin Koch, David Lerman, Matthew Lusk, Martha McKenna, Jan Reed, Ben Sergeant, Erica Spangler, Ann Vanischak, Rebecca Ward

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. The minutes to the September 13th meeting were unanimously approved.

Discussion of Student Services E-mail Policy

The current policy regarding sending emails to student is restricted and the Director of Student Activities is not allowed to send out emails to all students. Student Senator Ben Sargeant stated that email is the most effective way to communicate with the student body, and if we want to increase student involvement in activities, the Director of Student Activities needs to have the authority to send out emails. It was explained that there are technical difficulties in sending out student email and that there was a concern that we not overwhelm students with too many emails. However, the group was in favor of extending this authority to the Director of Student Activities, and upon motion duly made and seconded, approved the recommendation of the Student Services Committee as follows:

It is suggested that the Director of Student Activities be allowed to contact the student body via email at his/her discretion regarding campus wide student activity and club related activities.

Student Services Link on College Website

Senator Ben Sergeant told the group that although some of PVCC clubs have good home pages, access to them through PVCC's website is very difficult. He explained that the Student Services Committee and the Student Leadership Board (an ad hoc committee composed of all club presidents and student senators) recommend that a link to Student Services be added on homepage (under current or prospective student, include link to student clubs). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the link to student clubs be added on current and prospective student pages.

Employee Relations Discussion

As a follow up to President Friedman's visit to the Senate, the group discussed his request for a delegate to work with staff/faculty with grievances. Yvonne Carey expressed concern that the "delegate" could be put in a difficult situation, learning personal information about another faculty/staff member. It was thought that the "delegate" should not be put in the position of advisor, which would require training. It is recommended that individuals be given the option, in a benefits situation, to have someone else of their choice present at meetings.

Committee Reports

IT – PeopleSoft conversation has been successful. Currently there is discussion on pulling some emails out of email system and onto an electronic bulletin board.

Personnel & Benefits -- Retired Staff policy is still under review.

Student Services – The Student Leadership Board are looking into the possibility of forming a student government. They have polled other community colleges to understand how their student governments work, have received info and are now discussing what will work at Piedmont. They have decided on a structure. There will be three components of representatives: (1) student club presidents, (2) student

senators, and (3) Three to five at-large members (nontraditional students). They are trying to ensure all students are represented. They are now working on a mission statement, defining authority, and raising awareness.

Planning & Budget – This committee met during planning week. Dr. Friedman went over results of the strategic initiative proposals. Their next meeting will be held later this month to talk about development of the next strategic plan.

C&I – They have not met since Senate's last meeting.

Administrative Services – The committee discussed renovation, looking into card system that students could use at library, book store, etc., as well as their ID card. Faculty/staff ID cards are moving to the Security office. They discussed the weight room, which originally was to be moved to 179 to ensure larger space per demand. The recommendation was made that this still occur since we don't know what will happen with the YMCA.

It was report that a recommendation was made during one of Dr. Friedman's luncheons to have the two bathrooms in the basement of the 800 hall be made unisex.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 17, 2:30, in Room 248.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.