

Edison State College Faculty Senate

Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2012
1:30 p.m., Building M, Barbara B. Mann Center

Type of Meeting: District Meeting (Spring Professional Development Days)

Meeting Facilitator: Prof. Don Ransford, District Faculty Senate President

I. Call to order – Opening Remarks from the Senate President

There were no new faculty members on which to report; it was noted that there may be one new faculty member at the Collier Campus.

II. Update on the Special Board of Trustees Meeting for those not able to Attend

A. Report from Chancellor Randy Hanna

B. Update on Five Points adopted by the BOT on November 29 – noted that these were not Dr. Walker's "points."

1. Dr. Walker was placed on administrative leave.
2. A law firm (Fowler White Boggs) was hired to investigate the termination of Dr. Walker for cause and to represent the College in any adversarial proceedings with Dr. Walker. (Maximum contract of \$20,000)
3. Dr. Land was appointed as Acting President.
4. Ann Berlam contacted Chancellor Randy Hanna and put together a short list of possible interim Presidents. (Dudley Goodlette and Kathie Sigler – Mike Kaliszkeski withdrew his name due to personal reasons) Potential candidates will appear before the BOT at a Workshop on Saturday, January 14.
5. Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti worked with Chancellor Hanna and developed a proposal for beginning the search for a new President. A committee to develop a list of Presidential search firms is meeting Friday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. in O-105 on the Lee campus.

- C. Extra BOT meetings have been added for March 27 (Lee campus) and July 24 (Collier campus); January 24th meeting will be at Collier and February 28th will be at Charlotte
- D. Chris Vernon made several suggestions for changes in BOT policies to be voted on at subsequent meetings. Policies in question were the Board's agendas, the ESC College Financing Corporation, and Auxiliary Enterprise Funds.

III. Faculty Representation on Upcoming Search Committees

- A. District President – Faculty Senate President Ranford asked for those interested in serving on the search committee for the District President to email him. A deadline was set for the email.
- B. Others (Dean of Arts & Sciences; VP Institutional Advancement/Executive Director, College Foundation; Director of Assessment; VP-AA, Associate Dean, Business & Technology; Dean, School of Health Sciences; etc.)

IV. Impasse Update

V. Committee to Review Models of Faculty Senate Structures and their Roles within the College

VI. College Climate Survey Committee

VII. New business

A comment was made about the tone of the Spring Commencement speaker. The person from whom the comment came believed the speaker was perhaps picking on the faculty. A majority of those present disagreed and believed the speaker was very good.

A comment was made about Pam Fairfax and that many members of the faculty doubted her integrity.

A comment was made about the termination of President Walker. What next?

VIII. Adjournment

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