

Lee Campus Faculty Senate Minutes

September 7, 2012

With Prof. Ransford's resignation in effect, Vice-President Dr. Ambrose opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. The first item on the agenda was the election of a new Lee campus president. Each of the three candidates – Dr. Smith, Prof. Weir, and Dr. Swanson – made a brief presentation of their qualifications. As per the motion approved at the August Senate meeting, ballots were distributed for voting. It had been previously agreed upon that the chair of curriculum committee and the outgoing Senate President would count the ballots. However, since Dr. Grove, chair of curriculum committee, was absent from the meeting, Joanne Lewin moved to replace Dr. Grove with Frank Dowd as a ballot counter. The motion was seconded by Dale Hoover, was voted upon, and passed. Ballots were submitted for counting, and Prof. Weir was elected as new Lee Campus Faculty Senate President.

In the meantime, the next item on the agenda – House Bill 7135 – was brought to the floor. It will be an ongoing topic of discussion at Faculty Senate regarding Gen Ed core and elective class changes.

Upcoming Board of Trustees presentations were then discussed, and senate members were solicited for presentation topics. Anyone with ideas should contact Bill Wilcox at bwilcox@edison.edu.

New business included:

- Parking issues near the U building.
- The safety committee solicited volunteers, and invited faculty to bring concerns about safety to the committee.
- Prof. Ransford encouraged faculty to sign up to participate in the other committees, which are district-wide.
- A request was made for an update on the Senate Bill that related to continuing contracts. It has been passed. Dr. Ambrose mentioned that, at the next Senate meeting, there would be a request for faculty to form subcommittees to provide input to the Union bargaining team about this and other issues that can be clarified in the faculty contract.

- Prof. Ransford encouraged faculty to continue to stay active in the Faculty Senate and keep up the good attendance that we've had over the past year.

Minutes from the August Lee Campus Senate meeting were approved. It was requested that we examine and revise the minutes/agenda from March and April 2012, because it seems as though the March minutes were never approved. Prof. Vanselow moved that all minutes be made available to faculty members and those minutes that have not been approved be placed as an agenda item at a future Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Hoover seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded, voted upon, approved, and the Lee Campus Senate Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.