MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

Members Present: Youssef, Lamiaa (English & For. Lang., FS President); Black, Suely (Chemistry, FS Vice President); Fernando, Anne (Math, FS Secretary); Colakoglu, Sidika Nihal (Management, Marketing, & Entrep., FS Treasurer); Kamiru, John (Accountancy & Finance, FS Assistant Secretary); Alexander, William (History & Interdisc. St.); Blakely, Curtis (Secondary Ed.); Boone, Jacqueline (Early Childhood/Element. Ed.); Chuang, Shao-Hui (Technology); Cooley-Dole, Joy (Psychology); Curiel, James (Sociology); D’Silva, Joseph (Biological); Haines, Ashley (Biological); Holmes, Maria (Nursing); Hu, Yen-Hung (Computer Science); Jackson, Kevin (Allied Health); Khan, Mushtaq (Math); Lewis, Marilyn (Social Work Alternate); Mead, Patricia (Engineering); Sawyer, Jason (Social Work); Thomas, Kathleen (Health, Phys. Ed., & Ex. Sci.); Wilkens, Gary (English & For. Lang.)

Members Absent: Harper, Natisha (Library); Isekeije, Solomon (Visual & Performing Arts); Jackson, Cathy (Mass Com.); Meshesha, Aberra (Political Science); Temple, Doyle (Physics);

Guests: Sandra Olanitori (Nursing), Linda Brown (Nursing), Lydia Figueroa (Nursing), Verena Johnson (Nursing), Berkeley King (SESL), Desma Lans (Nursing), Rasha Morsi (Engineering), Erica Russell (Psychology), Felisa Smith (Nursing), Ron Thomas (Psychology, FS Parliamentarian), Sandra Barnes (Nursing)

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 12:39 p.m.

II. Constitution and bylaws from last time, Review and approval of amendments and edits to FS constitution and bylaws, Dr. Black reviews the changes to the constitution and bylaws. Suggested combining grievance and another, Dr. Suely Black will do this next time, combining two committees, status and welfare and grievance. Not voting on that today. Vote in April.

III. Dr. Stith will attend April FS meeting so we want as much procedural issues accomplished via email and today as we want to clear time to speak with him. We can vote online, Dr. Colakoglu and Dr. Youssef, may conduct this via survey monkey or email.

IV. University wide committees update, next item on the agenda, activating them is out of our hands and it is up to provost to charge committees

V. On to registration issues for freshman and sophomores, it is now in the hands of student success center, as some advisors cannot access students accounts, however if student has been registered then the hold is lifted and major advisors can go in and make changes to their schedule. Executive Committee can examine data we collect in order to determine if this is working or not with issues of student registration. The reason given for blocking major advisors from registering is that Patricia Stith Student Success Center (PSSSC) wants to collect data and other items for analysis with current method of advising. If we feels strongly, all we have to do is call them (advisors at Patricia Stith Student Success Center) that they would be happy to release hold. (Clarification by Dr. Haines) Dr. Curiel – they are registering freshman and sophomores into upper level courses and into the wrong courses. Dr. Morsi - let them collect the data to prove that they are wrong. Let the students come back and say that the students are misrepresented. Dr. Curiel: there is a learning curve. Dr. Sawyer, as Dr. Morsi just said, they are going to end up with missing data. Dr. Thomas: his department had a majors meeting, included 10 majors of 75, they invited PSSSC advisors, they came happily, and advisors received curriculum and prerequisite guide, it is not perfect but they have readily realized they have screwed up. They are working hard to try and remedy it. Dr. Haines: prerequisites, there is no pop up warning for many so. Ms. Desma Lans (nursing and allied health): their students have to qualify for the program. A lot of our students say health service management then say kinesiology. We need clarification as we were under the impression that certain programs were no longer accepting students. We don’t want to mislead and tell students that there is a program for them that is not there. We have students who don’t get into nursing or other programs and then we tell them they can go to kinesiology, Dr. Thomas asks what do we tell
them? Dr. Cokaglu: this is a major problem that should be told to president and provost as it is a huge change, (PSSSC) they should be already familiar with our curriculum, suggest solutions? Formal issue....addressed in provost level. Dr. Khan- it is incorrect to say no previous planning has been done, but planning was done, every department was required to re do schedule sheet with prerequisites and co-requisites, and we resubmitted. So student success center needs to be trained and re-trained. Maybe some of us were not involved, there was much discussion and much work was done. Dr. Morsi: what we did was before Provost SFJ, and under her tenure it was thrown out. Dr. Sawyer: He sat on gen ed core, this could be coordinated in a very practical way, have someone sitting on all levels, our curriculum will be constantly adjusting, don’t talk with Provost Hamilton yet but stream line process. This process was initiated by faculty, implementation, and past provost threw it out. We invited them (PSSSC) to student meetings, Dr. Thomas: we want the students to take charge. An issue of work done before change in admin vs. after, and registrar should be involved.

VI. Dr. Curiel, bring this matter up at future meeting, changing of majors, in his dept 40% of majors are transfers, those are funded to original dept, they are 40% underfunded. Go to state to change that. They are funding other departments. With change of admin, where is oversight, students are in wrong classes, missing classes, and disconnect. Protocol for reporting student grievances, spoke with Dr. Shackleford, there will be an online form, he sent 911 guide to student behavior,

VII. Items Discussed: create a pool who are willing to serve on panel as in student grievances they create a pool, Dr. Youssef can create a survey monkey and have a pool, fulltime and tenure. Concerns involving dean’s searches, there is a problem. COLA and CSET. Dr. Haines makes motion to submit resolution. Present facts and then present some action about searches. Dr. Colakaglu seconds motion, vote for 17, abstain 0, nayes 0, motion passes. Will forward travel funds issues when Dr. Youssef has them, relegate item H, I to standing committee, resend welfare etc, Dr. Stith is coming to the next meeting, Dr. Youssef is waiting and wants question and share points, do it as a survey, Dr. Youssef, survey monkey. Pull the questions/talking points

VIII. Election in April, conduct elections face to face or survey, google form, nominations, we could propose and end date for nominations and then end date for voting, we will forward the form to all senators, freshest list of senators is on emails, email department chair of business, you are eligible to vote, you cannot be official candidate, allowed 3 consecutive terms, nominations open for two weeks, April 2nd, votes need to be within a week. We will create a survey.

IX. Have another faculty forum, house delegate vis a vis Dr. Ron Thomas, guest speaker during faculty forum.

X. April 2nd is cut off for state funds, $750, we need to use that, buy some give aways for closing sessions, or use for printing paper for items for Senate meetings, use survey monkey ideas, multiple choice, paper and Dr. Thomas: sent email to provost about IRB stuff, Paula Shaw,

XI. Dr. Frank Hu: we change provosts frequently, door closed for faculty development applications, Dr. Ron Thomas: we got email saying we are closed, we need to get one saying we are open, teaching, research, travel funds, etc, they sent email out saying it is closed. Dr. Colakoglu, faculty funds, title III, every year there should be a grant written, there should be a budget item devoted to faculty development, they have 3.1 million in title III but want to spend, they will dedicate to writing center, new director of writing center (Provost is coming to English dept) where funds are spent there. Where did the money go? In BOV minutes, 3.1 million. President plans to spend much of it on writing center. EC meeting: address above issues. Chronicle of higher ed: issues on Provost, articles on disruption of admin at top and how it affects faculty, disruption of Provost and how it affects faculty ---- different rules under different Provosts.

Upcoming Meetings:
Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings: finished for the year
Faculty Senate Meetings: April 17, 2018, NGE Room 205, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.