Rose State College
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 13, 2010

Senators Present:

Business & Information Technology - Arlene Haynes
                                      Craig Dawkins
                                      Stacie Mayes
Engineering Science -                Leanne May
                                      Adjoa Ahedor
                                      Kristen Starkey
Health Science -                     Debbie Craig
                                      Velmarie Swing for Joy Cole
                                      Genia Wilson
Humanities -                         Chris Knox
                                      Diane Krob
                                      Susan Dawson-Obrien
                                      Suzanne Thomas
Social Science -                     Kathy Carey
                                      Jerri Scott
                                      Debbie Lynch
Adjunct Faculty
Guests

Call to Order: Meeting of October 13, 2010, called to order at 3:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Sept. 8, 2010, meeting were approved

Treasurer’s Report: One deposit of $10 bringing current balance to $4786.10 as of October 13, 2010

Committee Reports:

Regents Meeting: Debra Craig reported on the Sept. Regents meeting. Specific actions taken include:

- Campus will be smoke free as of August 2011
- Stop smoking cessation programs was visited
- A new neon sign by highway was approved

Old Business:

Results on vote to amend the Faculty Senate Amendment – 71 for and 13 opposed

New Business:

1. Faculty evaluation forms were discussed. Portion of the evaluation is based on community service. Guidelines of what is to be considered a community service event needed to be defined for consistency across campus. Motion was made to bring issue to Dr. Britton about setting guidelines of
what is to be considered a community service event needs to be defined for consistency across campus. Seconded by K. Carey. Passed.

2. Craig Dawkins introduced a discussion of an article by Larry G. Gerber, “Inextricably Linked: Shared Governance and Academic Freedom.” Article highlighted that students are not to be viewed as customers and also discussed that “gatekeeper” subjects should be driven by individual faculty considerations and not by subject. There should not be “gatekeeper” courses or subject matter.

3. S. Singhal attended the meeting and provided some information about his background at community colleges in California in order to suggest that Rose State might consider encouraging an Adjunct Faculty Committee/Association. Specific policies in California community colleges include:
   - Institutional policy changes must be agreed with by both the faculty and administration otherwise the old policy stays in place.
   - Tenure rates in California are approximately 75% tenured and 25% non-tenured
   - California colleges provide an Adjunct Faculty Program which does provide insurance after 1 yr. for contingent faculty.
   - California colleges have a union.
   - Regents are elected unlike RSC.
   - Sabbatical leave is decided by Senate
   - Adjuncts are required to do office hours.

No action required – just informational.

4. Exit Interview for Faculty – Issued brought up by S. Singhal who suggested that any resigning faculty would be asked for reasons why they are leaving to see if there are possible issues that need to be examined. C. Knox raised the question on the purpose of this interview and what would be the outcome of the information that is revealed. Dr. Singhal suggested that date would be collected for trend info. A. Haynes raised a concern about individual’s right to privacy on why they are resigning raised. J. Clifton stated that at his previous institutions he has gone through this process and was never asked reason for leaving. He stated, however, that it could be a positive experience based on the approach. J. Scott said the gathering of this information could be beneficial in the case of any unfair procedures. Motion to table item by C. Dawkins until a later date. Seconded and Approved.

5. D2L email issue was raised based on email sent by C. Myers on the possible disabling of D2L email feature and how it is used in other institutes. One of the main issues with the email is that one cannot respond to D2L outside of D2L. D. Krob stated that the D2L email is very beneficial especially for online courses. K. Carey did a survey of Social Sciences, and they are opposed to the disabling of the email feature and asked when the vote in the email from C. Myers was taken. L. May inquired if this change would be a financial benefit. C. Dawkins also had concerns on why this issue was not brought to faculty senate in a timely manner. Motion by L. May to seek clarification of reason for this change, to poll all faculty, and to determine the cost of this proposal. Seconded by K. Carey. Approved

6. State Question 744: C. Dawkins discussed his overall concerns for the state question and inquired whether the RSC Faculty wants to release a statement on approval or disapproval of state question 744. Decided that there would not be enough time to gather the necessary information and poll results. Motion by C. Dawkins to table topic. Seconded by C. Knox. Passed

7. Motion by C. Dawkins to table item 5 due to time constraints. Seconded by D. Craig. Passed