

## **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

### **Penn State Worthington Scranton**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at by Faculty Senate Chair Elect, Russell Casey. A motion to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes was made by John Dolis and seconded by Todd Adams.

#### **Administrative Reports**

##### **Chancellor Report**

- The Chancellor reported that the strategic planning committee will be moving to the second draft of the mission and vision. They have received input from emails, discussions and meetings. The draft will be shared. The goals are available online. The importance of faculty input was strongly stressed.
- The results of the campus survey were reviewed. Approximately ninety percent or greater approve the goals. Forty one students took the survey and fifty percent of faculty and staff also took the survey. The next step is to submit to the provost a one page summary of strategic planning from each committee to look at universal themes amongst campuses.
- Nick Jones, the Provost, will visit each campus. In terms of the values survey only two percent have taken it at this point.
- Lastly, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Dr. Krogh-Jespersion will be hosting her annual Holiday Party from 2pm to 5pm.

##### **Chief Academic Officer**

- An articulation agreement with North Hampton Community College is being worked on. Other campuses working on other articulation agreements. Faculty and Caressa are taking the lead on this endeavor.
- There is an active search for six faculty positions: ENGL/ HIST with 11/13 close date and IST, HDFS with 11/23 close date.
- The student learning objective initiative is very active.
- Appreciation was expressed to advisors for helping with registration. Faculty were asked to continue the initiative by contacting students who have not registered.
- In regards to the summer schedule, faculty are urged to contact program coordinators if interested in teaching. In addition online teaching is encouraged.
- The statistics of the Penn Carlson presentation were reviewed.
- A brief review of the “bridge” program was discussed for the summer.
- A workshop by Karen Feldbaum, Office of Student Contact, will be conducted in the Spring 2014.

## **Assistant Chief Academic Officer**

### **No Report**

### **Gene Grogan**

- Discussed that evacuation and fire drills will be conducted. The alarms will be tested. Faculty and staff will be notified of the day and building for the drill.
- Open Enrollment is continuing through the deadline of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### *Dr. Patricia Hinchey Report*

- The faculty petition to the President in regards to the wellness initiative was discussed. President Erikson said no to everything.

#### *Dr. Durell Johnson*

- Spoke about the General Education Task Force and the need to now create subcommittees. In addition the taskforce will be looking to create themes/ tracks within general education.
- Dr. Hinchey also added that this being done will help students become engaged and better educated.

#### *Engaged Scholarship*

- The goal is for every undergraduate to have some type of engaged scholarship experience. The subcommittee will be working on this. Dr. Johnson also discussed the option of E-Learning as an option to several posed questions.
- Lastly, Sue Harper went to a seminar on why general education is so important.

### **New Business**

None

### **Announcements**

- An Advising Week Summary Report handout was distributed by Caressa
- Jim Hart spoke about the Diversity and SAF Committee and the presentation they are sponsoring on December 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria Conference Room. A handout was also distributed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Evans and seconded by Janet Melnick.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary