

Paradise Valley Community College
Faculty Senate Minutes
May 2, 2013

Senators Present: Gary Smith, David Rubi, Marilyn Cristiano, Marianne Auten, Doug Berry, Dina Preston-Ortiz, John Chavez, and Jaimee Corbet

Faculty Present: Stacey Rannik, Walt Thielen, Deb Adair, and Lili Kang

Guests Present: None.

1. **Call to order:** 2:46 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Approved.
4. **Officer Reports:**

President: Gary welcomed the 2013-2014 Faculty Senate.

President-Elect: David Rubi thanked everyone for their support of him as President-Elect and pledged to work hard for faculty interests.

Treasurer: No Report.

5. **Information:** Gary Smith briefly summarized the results of the Faculty Association Satisfaction Survey that was sent to all faculty. He will be sending a summary report to all faculty.

6. Action Items:

- a. Confirmation of new Senators: New Senators identified themselves and were welcomed to the Senate.
- b. Election of Officers: Dina Preston-Ortiz was elected Secretary. The election for Treasurer will be held at the next Senate meeting in the fall.
- c. Goals for next year: The following goals were identified:
 - (1) Increase working relationship between faculty and administration.
 - (2) Provide better representation of faculty interests to FEC.
 - (3) Increase solidarity of faculty through social events.
 - (4) Highlight and promote PVCC Faculty through a possible Faculty newsletter.

- (5) Do a membership drive in an attempt to bring back members of the association who were previous members.
- (6) President & President Elect will seek the opinions of Senators before voting on important issues brought forth at the FEC.
- (7) President & President Elect will work to make the decisions that are made at FEC more transparent to the faculty.
- (8) Work on process issues not limited to the following:
 - a. Direct election of the FEC President-Elect by all Faculty Association Members.
 - b. All RFP Faculty should be able to send messages to the all faculty email distribution list.
 - c. Meet and Confer must confer with the district faculty senates before they take on “problems” for the meet and confer process.
 - d. Change the FEC Constitution to allow all faculty regardless of membership in the Faculty association to have a vote on ratifying changes in the RFP.
 - e. Address the use of a separate ballot to ratify the RFP and any increase in step or cola.
- d.** Scholarship Award: Five students applied for the scholarship. We awarded one \$850.00 scholarship to Marissa Vendervort (Kari Buensalido was runner up) that will be processed through the PVCC Financial Aid Office.
- e.** Essay Contest: Two students turned in essays for the Tribute to Teaching - Learning Relationship essay contest. The first place essay winner (Peter Creelman – Donna Mosher) received a \$300 scholarship. The second place essay winner (Shellby Handley – Christie Colunga) received a \$200 scholarship from the PVCC Faculty Association.
- f.** Dina presented a report on Q Building space process allocation as a result of the Agribusiness High School vacancy.
- g.** The senate agreed to hold an information meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 4:00 PM to discuss the changes in the RFP on which faculty will be voting. Marianne Auten, Marilyn Cristiano, Gary Smith, and David Rubi formed a subcommittee to work out the logistics for the meeting. A motion

was made, 2nd and passed to allocate up to \$150 for refreshments for this meeting.

7. Adjourn: Approved.