Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC) with Provost Minutes for 6/23/2011

Members present: Bev McCormick, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee and Michael Fultz

The meeting was held in the Provost's conference room at 2:30 pm

Discussion:

The EC met with the Provost to continue discussion on improving faculty morale and the upcoming Senate Retreat.

The EC asked Provost if she would come to the Senate meeting at 1:00 pm on the day of the retreat, August 18, 2011 to provide the members with her view of the top Academic Affairs issues for the year.

The Provost asked the EC chair to provide the format/structure for the Provost to use in her report at the regular Senate meetings. What kinds of report would be helpful to the Senate?

Provost reported on enrollment and suggested that someone speak to either the EC or the full Senate about the Recruiter Program. Kim Sharp suggested this program be presented to the faculty at large. Provost suggested conducting on 5th Thursday; various groups set up booths in ADUC to explain their programs.

Provost reported on the Early College Program/Dual Credit (developmental courses are also included). Discussion followed including faculty concerns regarding Early College. This is a pilot year for Early College. Data will be reviewed to determine if it is a viable program.

The effect of departmental rearranging on Senate membership was discussed.

The EC and the Provost discussed the use of alternatives to scheduling meetings through the Outlook Calendar. The Provost asked the EC to provide her office with guidelines/alternatives for setting meetings.

Some administrative details and SLO's need to be finalized prior to initiating Computer Competency testing.

The Provost and EC discussed the issues that have led to declining enrollment in the past and new initiatives that are being looked at to increase enrollment.

The University is looking at creating a virtual college for Adult Education. University is providing training for faculty on improving online learning. Information will be provided to all faculty about the online course training.

The Provost informed the EC that she had committed the funds to support the other half of the Senate Secretary position to a full time position. Half of the responsibility will be devoted to Faculty Senate and the other half to support the Gen Ed Council.

The way classes are scheduled currently will not work with Datatel in the near future. Discussion/meetings will be held regarding revising the school calendar.

Meeting Adjourned 3:45 pm