Faculty Senate Minutes May 4, 2012

In attendance: Amy Collins, Nancy Kaida, Brian Stout, Beth May, Steve Philbrick, Kevin Kelley, Paul Northway, Andrea Anderson, Simon Van Dijk, Wes Anderson, Jack Robbins, Mario Salas, Natalia Trevino, Ralph Mendez, Heather McCreery, June Pedraza, Linda Reeves

Meeting began at 9a.m.

Senate Officer Nominations: The following people were nominated and agreed to serve if elected:

- President: June Pedraza
- Vice President: Steve Philbrick
- Secretary: Amy Collins
- Historian: Kelli Bradshaw
- Parliamentarian: Paul Northway

After 30 days if the candidates still agree to serve, they will be our officers.

Faculty Job Description Survey: Beth read some notes from NVC’s representative to the Faculty Job Description Committee, Darrell Stafford, as follows:

- The faculty job description hadn’t been revised in a long time.
- A committee composed of 50% faculty has been working on an updated job description. The committee is now soliciting feedback from all faculty.
- The purpose of the updated job description is to inform the new faculty feedback process.
- Faculty may send feedback to Darrell Stafford or Beth May of Northwest Vista College or Super Senate President Dawn Elmore-McCrary of San Antonio College.
- It was suggested that perhaps the survey should be reopened with a comment on how and why the job description was developed.

Faculty senate statement in response to WOAI report

Discussion:

- The Faculty Senate should prepare a statement in response to the WOAI report.
- Customized textbooks are compiled to save students money. Faculty and departments do not get any profit from customized books.
- Some of the science departments have customized books made up which students get directly from the publisher and avoid the bookstore’s markup. The book costs students half the cost of the regular textbook.
- Should Jo Carol clarify some of her statements, such as the statement that customized textbooks cost students more money?
- Instructors should explain the first day of class why certain textbooks are required.
• Beth will send out via email the draft of a faculty statement in response to the WOAI report.

Discipline coordinator job description

• A project for next year is to work on a job description for discipline coordinators.
• It was suggested that perhaps the discipline coordinators on the senate, such as June and Kelli, could get this project started.

Next meeting: Because only one nomination was received for each of the senate offices, it will not be necessary to have a meeting to elect officers. If the nominees still agree to serve as of June 4, 2012, they will be next year's senate officers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30a.m.