

Minutes from Faculty Senate 10-1-08

Attending: Courtney Ruffner, Luci Frith, Felix Rizk, and Sheri Chejlyk

Minutes taken by [Luci Frith](#)

Comments from [Courtney Ruffner](#) are in red.

1- Ray Hundley will be retiring and has resigned as BOT Observer. It was recommended that the position be offered to the candidate on the ballot with the next highest votes. Courtney will ask Sherri Hill to serve. [Sherri has declined; therefore, we will roll the Observer into the restructuring of the Senate Board at FPDD.](#)

2-Discussed Faculty Senate reorganization to include department reps. At FPDD during the Faculty Senate Meeting Faculty Senate reps will make this request.

Since the Librarians and Counselors are no longer linked with Teaching Faculty and are represented by the Career Employee Council, it was recommended and approved that they would no longer be formal reps in Faculty Senate. [They will continue to be welcome at any Faculty Senate Meeting.](#)

3- Faculty would like business cards without the mission statement on the back since there is no space for writing. However, according to Hafner and Mears, we may be changing the name of the college as we move to offer 4-year degrees, so the ordering of new cards will be put on hold until this is decided.

4- Discussed enforcing the no-smoking rules, and addressing the noise level from car sound systems outside building 18 in Bradenton. Previously we were informed that with only two security guards on campus there weren't enough resources to enforce the campus rules. Posting signs (similar to those at Venice campus) was discussed. Further it was recommended that faculty senate research to determine if there is a standard ratio of security for numbers of students. **Sheri** volunteered to talk with Paul Porter and do more research on this.

5-Faculty wanted information on the MCC portal. This will be addressed at FPDD.

6- There was a suggestion that Bloom's taxonomy be used as part of the process for determining merit raises. It was suggested that this be addressed at a later date via VPAA perhaps.

7- The listing of Success rates on the annual evaluation continue to be of concern for faculty. Faculty Senate plan to make a proposal at the next VPAA with Chairs meeting to have this removed from the annual evaluation.

8- The evaluation instrument for faculty teaching e learning classes was discussed and suggestions were made to create an evaluation instrument that addresses some of the distinctive aspects of teaching on line. [As I \[Luci\] began researching this today I discovered that the Distance Learning Steering Committee is currently working on a draft of this.](#)

9- The abuse of financial aid was discussed.

10. Courtney indicated that in her discussion with Dr. Hafner he was receptive to flexible hours for courses and faculty schedules and re-visiting designated office hours— apparently the state requires 25 hours rather than 30.

11- The impact on faculty and curriculum as we move toward four year degrees was mentioned. The Florida Department of Education Baccalaureate Programs in Community Colleges program review report will be made available to faculty senate. It was determined that at this point we need to wait to see how the process unfolds at MCC.

12- Posting the minutes from the ITAC and the e-Learning committees on the Faculty Senate webpage was discussed. **ITAC minutes are now posted. Nancy Edwards will send any e-learning minutes; however, she stated that there was no current website and minutes were minimal.**