Faculty Senate Council Meeting
February 26, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Melka, Warren Fass, Kimberly Bailey, Steve Hardin, Marietta Frank, ‘Biodun Ogundayo, David Soriano, Marvin Thomas, and Elizabeth Tillman

Items of Business:

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from the February 12, 2013 Faculty Senate Council meeting was made by David Soriano. Warren Fass seconded the motion. The minutes passed with one abstention.

Next Faculty Senate Council Meeting: March 5, 2013 in the Academic Dean’s Conference Room at 11:30 a.m.

Next Full Faculty Senate Meeting: April 2, 2013 in University Room at 11:30 a.m.

Proposed changes to General Education Curriculum incorporating Global Competency: Warren Fass presented changes to the General Education Curriculum to incorporate Global Competency. The changes have already been approved by EPC. The plan is to replace non-western with global competency; therefore if approved, all current non-western courses would be counted a global competency. Faculty Senate will bring the proposal to the Full Senate meeting in April 2013.

Discussion of “A Warning to College Profs from a High School Teacher”: Steve Hardin voiced concern that the “No Child Left Behind Act” could be applied to higher education in the future. Ohio has already moved to a performance based budgeting system for their schools. Hardin believes that assessment is good and that it should continue to be sure that learning outcomes are being delivered appropriately. However, when outcomes become tied to budgets it becomes a concern.

Much discussion ensued and many ideas were brought forth. Some professors refuse to use multiple choice questions so as to not teach to the test. Professors need to always check for plagiarizing, otherwise students may think it is okay to do in another class. Encourage students to do research in fields where they have to put the pieces together and include more thought, as opposed to rewriting someone else’s research. Pitt-Bradford is attempting to put more academic components into Academic Orientation; one person suggested that recruiters be involved in Academic Affairs conversations to have a better understanding about the seriousness of academia. Another discussion displayed the need to relook at the Freshman Seminar.

Senate Elections: Kim Bailey will solicit nominations from Division Chairs.

Academic Excellence Awards: Senate Council is responsible to look at GPAs and credits and decide who gets the Academic Excellence Awards. They were awarded as follows:
- Freshman: Matthew C. Bedekovich and Chelsea M. Regis
- Sophomore: Jeff M. Warner and Matthew E. Nolder
• Junior: Michael F. Gallina
• Senior: Jennifer L. Trippett

**Academic Affairs Update:**

**Faculty Searches:** The searches are still moving along, but not well. Pitt-Bradford searches were getting decent pools of candidates, but due to late search approvals, qualified candidates have already accepted positions in other places. There will be a couple of failed searches because of the above mentioned problem.

**Academic Excellence:** Pitt-Bradford does not recognize academic excellence as much as it should. Therefore, Division Chairs and Hardin will provide students achieving honors with medallions to recognize achievements. One person suggested that the medallions be put on during graduation ceremony.

**Matters Arising:**

**GE Review Committee:** The GE review committee will be submitting a proposal to EPC to include an oral component for all capstone classes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas; Melka seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.