**PRESIDENTS’ COUNCIL**

Minutes

December 6, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President Jim Huckestein ASG President Jairo Rodriguez

Vice President David Plotkin Classified President Enrique Farrera

FTF President Nora Brodnicki College Council Dean Sue Goff

Admin/Conf. Rep Jarett Gilbert PIO Lori Hall

PTF President Leslie Ormandy Recorder Denice Bailey

**GUESTS**:

Wendi Babst

Jim announced that Joanne and Alissa were unable to attend. The group reviewed and discussed the list of commitments, updates were provided, and all items were removed from the list.

**MEET THE INTERIM CAMPUS SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Jim introduced Wendi Babst. Wendi shared her background information and experience. She is a PTF member, teaching criminal justice. Wendi also shared the areas her work will be focused on over the year: New director, college safety, transition from sheriff’s office oversight, and emergency management.

In response to questions from the Council:

* She will be working through June 2017.
* The process for hiring new officers is progressing.
* The CCC cadet program will still be used when additional presence is needed, such as graduation ceremonies.
* She will be teaching one class this term.

**RESOLUTION ON RIGHT TO LEARN**

Jim distributed the draft resolution on Right to Learn for review. This will go to the Board next week. Jim asked the group to specifically review the resolution’s action items at the end of the document. There has been a lot of fear and uncertainty for students after the presidential election regarding immigration status.

Enrique said the online student application asks for a social security number (SSN), so if a student doesn’t have one, they have to come in to apply. Jim said we are required by the federal government to request and collect the SSN. We don’t want to provide an easy out for folks not to provide that information. We were previously assessed a fine by the IRS for not collecting/providing the SSN. He will make a note and see what can be done.

Council members suggested edits to the document. Denice will incorporate those edits into the document prior to the Board meeting.

Enrique asked if the resolution will protect staff and students from harassment and bullying from right wing extremists. Jim said our policies cover any harassment, but they also protect free speech. What we are concerned about is the disruption of the educational process and environment. There was discussion about a recent act of vandalism in the Community Center. Vandalism is not addressed in this resolution.

Jim stated that if anyone should want to speak to the Board about the resolution, they can do so during the Citizen Comments part of the meeting.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Lori shared the process for notification of a college closure or late start due to inclement weather. The decision to close or delay will be made by 6:00 a.m., then Lori notifies the media and FlashAlert. There will be information on the website, on Facebook, and on the college’s phone recording.

**ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY POLICY**

Jim reported this policy will be coming to PC on January 17. There is a small group working on the policy. David clarified it is Academic Freedom and Responsibility. David said the policy must be approved by the Board by March 1. Our current policy and academic policy are out of sync with each other. Joanne will work with Eric Lewis and others to finalize the language. There will not be any conflict with language in the bargaining agreements.

**OTHER**

ASG – Jairo reported the holiday giving baskets have been distributed. Carla is leaving for PSU next term. He and Alexa will take on the free food market and the Cougar Cave until they find a student to take on those responsibilities. The holiday party is this Thursday, weather permitting. There will be lots of crafts and activities for children. They will have welcome activities on January 11 for the new term.

FTF – Nora reported it is end of the term and she is ready for break.

PTF – Leslie reported that the PTF contract has come to tentative agreement, but is waiting for her board to approve it before the association can move to ratify it. She is still working on creating the email list for her members.

Classified – Enrique reported classified employees have been busy on many committees, including the bargaining team finishing up, moving to digital records, and adoption of a new logo. He will be attending HECC on Thursday.

Admin/Confidential - Jarett thanked everyone for forwarding information about holiday giving baskets. ASG created 11 baskets for families. A full report of donations will come out from Devon and Carla later this week. Jim suggested contacting retirees to assist or donate in the future.

College Council – Sue reported the last meeting was very short: Joanne talked about the Right to Learn resolution, Luke gave an update on transportation and parking lots.

Adjourn 4:32 p.m.