

CCRIFA - General Faculty Meeting

2pm – Oct 25, 2012

Lincoln Campus- Faculty Dining Room

Agenda : Dues Increase

Check in Association members: Karen Allen/ Kevin Crawford.

Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM with 42 members present.

President: Announcements – National Grid - Power Outages – IT made decision to shut down equipment at 6:30pm. Technology Services slowly being restored. Anticipate that all will be back by later in the afternoon.

Ramona also mentions the flurry of email just before the power outage. The emails were concerns with IT's earlier email regarding the update to virus software. The email from IT led users to believe that was censorship involved. IT recognizes that using the phrase "inappropriate content" was misleading. The only sites that are being blocked are those "known" websites that are problem websites known for viruses and other malicious content.

Final announcement – Kevin Crawford (Nominating Election Committee Chair) has sent out an email announcing the results of the association members elected to sit on search committee for the VP of Academic Affairs.

Today's only agenda item is voting on the recommendation from the EC for a \$2 increase in dues. All members have received a general budget breakdown from NEARI and at the request of the EC an additional report with more detailed information of NEARI's budget (with regards to CCRI) has been emailed.

John Ribezzo delivers a presentation (treasurer's report) that reviews the financial statement that was emailed to all CCRIFA members prior to the meeting.

Ramona reviews the pie chart that was distributed today. The chart shows the percentage details of the NEARI's budget. Reminds attendees that the EC made the recommendation to raise dues to the General Faculty last year but the vote was postponed pending the NEARI budget reports.

Ramona opens the meeting to make a motion regarding raising dues.

John Rapczack makes a motion to raise dues to 2.50 per pay period for full members and 1.50 for agency members.

Seconded- Dusty Haller.

John Rapczack speaks to his motion and says that an increase is overdue.

Dave Critchett speaks to the motion and says it is not in order. He says the motion postponed from last December's meeting must be put back on the floor. That motion is for a \$2 increase per pay period for members and a \$1 increase per pay period for agents. The postponed motion is put back on the floor.

Rob Melucci proposes to amend it: \$2.50 for members and \$1.50 for agents.

John R seconds the motion to amend.

The amended motion is now for 2.50 per pay period for full members and 1.50 for agency members.

Ramona asks for discussion about the amendment.

No discussion. A vote on amendment to the original motion is called for.

Ramona says it should be noted we have a quorum.

Vote is 2 against.

The amendment passes .

Ramona then goes back to the original motion with the amendment which is \$2 amended to 2.50 per pay period for members and \$1 amended to \$1.50 per pay period for agents.

Ramona again states that we have a quorum.

3 against. Motion passes. Dues will be raised to \$2.50 per pay period for full members and \$1.50 a pay period for agency members.

Ramona asks if there is any other business.

Dave Critchett mentions the motion that was passed at the last EC meeting to recommend to the General Faculty censure of our senior administration, the 3 VPs and the President, because of misuse of the student complaint system. He asks when the EC's motion will be brought to the faculty for a vote.

Ramona is concerned about the language in the motion and wishes to bring the motion back to the EC for clarification.

Dave C. asks for a date for the next EC meeting.

Ramona estimates late Nov/ early December, definitely before the end of this semester.

The question was then asked why paper ballots were handed out to members when they checked in, and it was explained that if there was a call for a secret ballot those would have been used.

Ramona asks if there are other issues that members would like to bring up at this time.

Dusty revisits the issue of filtering of websites. She agrees that there is no filtering now, (after the concerns were voiced) but there was filtering being applied. Dusty explains that she sent Steve Viera screen shots of all of the warning pages that she received over the course of the past 3 days for content. Dusty is concerned that nobody is consulting with the individuals or groups that these kinds of changes are impacting. This change was not brought up at Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) before it was put in place.

In addition, Kevin Crawford mentions that IT did not renew some of the certificates needed to access the internet through the firewalls set in place. That is why we had issues with some of the websites not being accessed.

It was also mentioned that the senior administration is ignoring governance in its mishandling of the disciplinary process. A member asks for clarification, and Ramona notes that some student/faculty issues ended up in HR. This is not the procedure that should be followed. It was an inappropriate avenue for pursuing student complaints against faculty. We need to have a policy manual with clear procedures.

Marge motions to adjourn. Meeting adjourns.