Faculty Assembly Meeting  
MINUTES  
November 9, 2017  
Godbey 145 (Art Room)

1. Call to Order – Amber Clark
   Amber welcomed all faculty to the meeting and thanked the business cluster for providing lunch.

2. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting
   The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Ellen Oliver
   The balance in the treasury is $1082.23 as of October 31, 2017. Ellen is taking dues payments ($10/member for full time, $5/member for part-time) and Support Staff Luncheon donations ($20/member suggested). Feel free to leave your payments in her mail box and she will get you a receipt.

4. SACSCOC Update – Amber Clark
   The onsite review team was on our campus last week. Amber shared that Dr. Huber reported that the committee was impressed with New River, and perceived a real “can do” attitude that permeates our campus. They had four recommendations for us; details on them will be shared after we receive their written report. Dr. Huber expects that they will be achievable and that we should have no problems receiving our full accreditation in June 2018.

5. CFAC Update – Brian Clark
   At the Fall CFAC meeting, there was significant discussion about RIF that is happening. It is mostly staff, but some faculty at some schools. There was also a discussion about Z degrees and potential pressure to consider implementing more degrees requiring low or no cost materials. Data showed higher student success in these programs, while saving students significant money on materials. There was a continued emphasis on shared services to reduce costs. Lastly, as Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz has been named interim Dean of Arts & Sciences beginning in January 2018, Cindy Wynne has agreed to be our CFAC representative beginning spring semester.

6. Adult Learner 360 Survey – Amber Clark
   Amber reminded faculty to encourage their adult learner (aged 25+) students to complete the Adult Learner 360 survey that was emailed to them before the November 20 deadline. Debbie Bond has $25 gift cards to share with faculty who wish to have the students complete the survey during class time; all students who complete the survey could participate in a drawing to win the gift card.

7. Family Fun Festival – Amber Clark
   Graham Mitchell has requested funding and is awaiting approval. Heidi Morehead has been in touch with the vendors (bouncy house, mechanical bull) and is awaiting funding approval. Pablo Chalmeta will do balloon animals; another volunteer would be helpful. Cindy Wynne has 15 tables worth of animals to bring. The nursing department will have a health table. The band (Don’t Quit Your Day Job) has been reserved. We will have one more meeting just before the festival, but most planning should be in place by then.

8. Summer Class Registration Date – Amber Clark
Amber reported that Peter Anderson has informed faculty that summer registration will actually begin on November 27. The summer schedules are being approved and posted online now to prepare for this. Nearby schools have begun early summer registration and have seen increases in enrollment. Financial aid will also be available for summer classes which should also increase enrollment.

9. EAB Navigate Update – Amber Clark

Amber reported that NRCC is in the third wave of adoption, allowing us to learn from others’ experiences. We will focus on the onboarding part first, with the advising part to follow in a few years. The onboarding features may dovetail nicely with our QEP. NRCC’s “kickoff” day is November 16.

10. Other Items

Amber has followed up with Angie Covey on the door recognition and dedication for Nancy Evans’ office door. We hope to have a dedication in the next couple of weeks. Funds are being solicited; make your checks out to the NRCC Foundation with “Nancy Evans Office Donation Fund” in the memo section.

Sarah Tolbert-Hursyz is on a task force for a revision of the Gen Ed competencies and learning outcomes. If you have any ideas for competencies (in addition to the four that are mandated) or learning outcomes (for any of the competencies), please let her know. Work will be continuing on that over the next semester.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Oliver, Secretary