

INTERIM ACADEMIC SENATE (IAS)

Minutes of the November 9, 2010 Meeting

Welcome

Senate Chair, Shelley Broderick, formally opened the meeting at 2:11 p.m. and Senators and Observers introduced themselves.

Minutes

The Senate approved the October 12, 2010 meeting minutes with the following correction: Les Vermillion is a Senator and not an Observer.

Order of Business

Committee Reports

- **Charter and By-laws Committee –**

Chair Broderick explained that the Senate charter and bylaws had been forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval at the next Board meeting. Committee Chair G.D. Musgrove asked the Senators to encourage staff and faculty to discuss with colleagues the process and development of the governing documents.

- **Academic Standards, Programs & Policies Committee**

Committee Chair Matthew Petti advised the Senate that the Committee recommended the elimination of the BS in Fire Science Program upon the report from the department that there was no real commitment by the students; average completion time was ten years; and the program lacked a dedicated faculty.

Action Item: The Senate voted unanimously to terminate the BS in Fire Science Program

- **Graduate Council Report**

B. Hartline announced and encouraged students and faculty to participate in professional opportunities identified in the University's online newsletter, *Firebird On the Fly*.

- **Admission and Retention Committee**

No report.

New Business

Grae Baxter discussed the University's strategic plan and reminded Senators and faculty present that accreditation is very focused on measuring learning outcomes. G. Baxter will work with Deans to ensure that course syllabi are revised and updated, include learning outcomes, and define how those outcomes will be measured.

G. Baxter reiterated that the Community College is a college within the University, not an independent body. CCDC students are UDC students, receiving UDC degrees.

G. Baxter clarified that CCDC students and faculty were notified that CCDC students could not take University (flagship) classes unless the course was required for an associate degree.

The Office of the Provost (H. Madsen) reported that the Middle States periodic review would be available online. The Office of the Provost (J. Webber) reported that the final recommendations from program reviews would probably be received at the end of the Fall 2010 term. Senator A. King-Berry expressed concern for the Education Department. G. Baxter confirmed that the Education Department's review could take place first.

Adjournment

The November 9, 2010 Meeting of the IAS was adjourned upon proper motion made.