FTCF MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

February 3rd, 2014 scheduled for 12pm to 2 pm with lunch served
Kimmel Center, Room 802

Present:

Ann Marie Mauro (Co-Chair) Randy Mowry (Co-Chair)
Susan Stehlik (Co-Secretary) Matthew Leingang
Martha Caprio Prashiela Manga
Gordon Campbell (on phone) Vaskuki Nesiah
Fred Carl Dina Rosenfeld
Joseph Carter Ezra Sacks
Lawrence Chiarelli (on phone) Nina Servizzi
Nancy Fefferman Frederic Viguier (left at 12:30)
John Halpin William Wesbrooks
Mary Killilea Patrick Ying

1. Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm, Kimmel 802; adjourned at 2:03 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda - unanimous

3. Approval of 1/27/14 Meeting Minutes & attachments & Confidential Notes
   a. Vote – 19 yes, 1 abstention
   b. 2 corrections were approved
   c. Several members who could not attend later asked that their intended vote regarding the faculty council structure be reflected for the record: separate councils – 1; unified council – 3.

4. Discussion of the 5 models (existing, the “100”, the “125”, proportional, representational) and vote on proposed representational model
   a. FSC has included a plan for 15 seats in their recommendation.
   b. A straw poll was taken for which models were favored:
      i. Result one: the “100” and the “125” models were preferred
      ii. Result two: the “125” held the majority vote
   c. Special acknowledgement was paid to Patrick Ying for all his work on data gathering and presenting models to facilitate our discussion and decision-making in such a short period of time; Patrick thanked his entire committee, especially Matthew Leingang.

5. Brief discussion of term “Professional Faculty”
a. The terms “non-tenure track” and “contract” faculty have negative connotations in some schools. It was proposed that the committee consider suggesting use of the term “Professional Faculty” in the report.
b. There was no consensus among the group on an acceptable term.
c. This may be a good issue for the separate council to address later.

6. Discussion of PC Committee draft report & and vote on final report
   a. Motion to recommend the “125 representational model”: 16 yes, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions. Motion APPROVED.
   b. Co-Chairs asked Committee Members to take a hard look on edits, particularly with their names, spelling, etc.
   c. Edits in a number of sections were proposed, discussed and approved by majority voice vote
   d. Discussion of including the minority opinion might lose our strength of proposal
   e. There was majority agreement to include a unified council as an alternate option if our proposal is not accepted.
      i. Vote on whether to add another sentence that speaks about a timeframe to work toward a unified faculty council: 4 yes; 15 no. Motion FAILED.
   f. Question on whether we want to stick to our principles of “equal” vs. “proportional – unanimous to keep it equal.
   g. Most items that had opposite views were discussed and voted to determine what would be included in final report.
   h. Motion to approve the revised report unanimously accepted by members present.

7. Discussion of memo & documents received from Provost 1.17.2014 - incorporated into discussion of the report.

8. Next steps
   a. Revised report as well as today’s meeting minutes and confidential notes will be sent out tomorrow Feb. 4th.
   b. Committee Members have until Wed., Feb. 5th to comment on report, meeting minutes, & confidential notes.
   c. Unanimous agreement to accept minutes and confidential notes of Feb. 3 meeting as approved after circulated for edits, and reviewed by Co-Chairs since this is our last official meeting.
   d. Final report will be sent by the Co-Chairs to SCOG and President Sexton on Friday 2/7/14. It will also be sent to the Provost in a separate email.
   e. Members asked to look for Doodle poll for a meeting with SCOG, the week or so prior to the March 4th Senate meeting to discuss our recommendations
   f. Once report is finalized it should be shared with faculty in all the schools

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm