



NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

# Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2009 • 8:00 a.m.

Room V-215

- I. Call to Order 8:10 am
  - a. Members present: Larry Lee, Lyte Chapap, Barbara Merfalen, Velma Deleon Guerrero, Joan Dubrall, and Frank Sobolewski
  
- II. Adoption of Agenda
  - a. Reviewed agenda
  - b. Motion to adopt agenda by Barbara Merfalen
  - c. Seconded by Joan Dubrall
  - d. Agenda was adopted.
  
- III. Review/Adoption of September 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes were reviewed and changes were made.
  - b. Motion to adopt revised meeting minutes of September 10, 2009 by Frank Sobolewski.
  - c. Seconded by Barbara Merfalen.
  - d. Revised minutes were adopted.
  
- IV. Faculty Representatives to: (a) College Council; (b) PROAC; (c) BAFC
  - a. Larry Lee requested to go on record that he is still waiting for Dean Cynthia Deleon Guerrero's response to his inquiry about PROAC instructional faculty members receiving extra non-instructional credits.
  
- V. Status of COMPASS Division vacancy
  - a. No updates.
  
- VI. Agenda for September 25, 2009 Faculty Assembly
  - a. Creating a separate instructional faculty assembly and senate will be the first item on the agenda and the second item will be the proposed new faculty contracts.
  - b. Frank Sobolewski stated that the agenda is set and no adoption of the agenda should be done at the Faculty Assembly.
  
- VII. Proposed New Faculty Contracts
  - a. Larry Lee announced that we will discuss and solicit feedback on the draft contracts at the upcoming Faculty Assembly.
  
- VIII. Academic Quality Issues and APS Division Concerns
  - a. Dean Cynthia Deleon Guerrero accepted the invitation to today's meeting but is not present.
  - b. Barbara Merfalen requested to continue to invite Dean Cynthia Deleon Guerrero. It is important that we discuss academic concerns and issues with her.

- c. Discussion on Exit Exams.
  - i. The issues of whether the math exit exams are an institutional activity, and if Eric Johnson is the only faculty member who can administer the exit exams were discussed.
  
- IX. Faculty Senate Report for Board of Regents 9/24/09 Meeting
  - a. Larry Lee will announce the new members of the Faculty Senate and the faculty appointees to the various governance bodies. He will also announce the Faculty Assembly scheduled for 9/25/09.
  
- X. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009, in V-215, at 8:00 a.m.
  
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.