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Minutes of August 19, 2015

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2015		Motion by A Alsip for approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2015 2nd by M Copeland Voice vote - unanimous
	President's Report	<p>J Gilbert addressed the following in his report (attached):</p> <p>Senate Retreat: Turnout was excellent and the discussions were productive. Many topics will be on today's or future agendas. J Gilbert thanked R Hamdy for organizing the event.</p> <p>Selecting and Electing a New President: interested persons should contact the current or past presidents. The successful candidate this Fall will receive .20 reassign time Spring semester in order to receive pre-term experience consulting with the president. Executive Committee will work on a timeline for nominations and voting.</p> <p>Flexible Calendar: Calendar Committee met the end of last term for discussions; a mock calendar/schedule will be presented for Senate consideration. The final decision will rest with the entire campus and district.</p> <p>New Faculty: state budget this year allows for the hiring of possibly 7-10 district positions which would be new (not replacement) faculty. J Torres says an exact number will be determined by late August/early September; he is invited to our Sept. 2 Senate meeting to discuss hirings and the district budget. Departments will continue to push for replacements as well.</p>	
	New Business	<p>Scheduled Meeting Dates and Meeting Norms: Senate will meet first, third, fifth Wednesdays excluding Spring Break. ADSS 207 is the default meeting place except possibly on fifth Wednesdays or if larger-than-usual attendance is anticipated. J Gilbert will continue to determine time allotments for guest speakers; standard rules re courtesy apply.</p> <p>Standing Committee Signup Sheet: there are six standing committees for 2015-2016. Senators are expected to sign up for at least one; it is optional for chairpersons to sign up for additional committees.</p>	

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	<p>New Business (cont)</p>	<p>Review Committee Structure 2014-2016: this has not been modified; Senators are requested to review for accuracy regarding meeting dates/times or departmental representation. More substantive changes must follow AP processes.</p> <p>Student Services Update: R Shabazz distributed copies of the new Student Success Handbook (print run is 5K English, 2K Spanish, e-version also available at www.globaldatebooksonline.com/flipbooks.sbv). He reported attendance of 800 at the second annual Welcome Day; there was a two-hour block of workshops on academic and student support services matters. There were 70 booths promoting academic, support programs, employers, and various other vendors. Financial aid disbursement increased from \$437,000 to 532 students last year to \$1,800,000 to 2,000 students this term. Students are encouraged to use Wolverine Cards (ATM/Visa) or use direct deposit; checks can take 2-3 weeks and are sometimes lost or stolen. The new Auto-Packager program to disburse funds is improving efficiency. According to SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress), students are expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA and complete 67% of attempted classes. R Shabazz introduced the new Director of Student Life, Raymond Carlos. A monthly student success newsletter will highlight upcoming events. Week of Welcome will be August 25-27. Graduation Initiative is a new effort targeting students with 30+ units, using "intrusive" counseling to ensure their graduation or successful transfer. SOS Orientation in late October is designed for students who may have continuing confusion or didn't attend Week of Welcome. Student Equity funds are expected to rise from \$611K to \$1M; final numbers will be available in September. Funding requests came in from Writing Lab, Reading, RTVF, Student Success Center, Library, Compass, Transfer Center, Puente, Tumaini, and SAGE. Effective July 1, all employees must have access to Title IX training regarding sexual discrimination, bullying etc.; most faculty are mandated reporters. An investigation must be launched within 5-7 days. Training will be provided by HR. A Alsip said the September issue of Student Health 101 Digital Magazine would address Title IX coverage and issues like "How to Be an Active Bystander." R Shabazz commended our Health Center for its Title IX resources.</p>	

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