Minutes of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate: February 18, 2014

Senators in attendance: Jeff Orzolek, Beth Deskins, Elizabeth McCormick, Loretta Estes, Leslie Anderson, Scott Bennett, Phil Crigger, Sandra Bond; Ed Oakes (Cabinet Liaison to the Senate)

Senators unable to attend: Ashlee Claud, James Harman, Donna Spradlin, David Bailey

1. Welcome. Meeting started at 10:35. Minutes from the January 21 meeting were approved.

2. Presentation on the Scholar-Citizen Initiative by Dr. Erin Webster Garrett and Alice Coughlin: Updated the Senate on work that has been done and the ways AP Faculty can be involved. Tarleton State University (Texas) has something similar to SCI and is working to turn work-study positions into internships so SCI is looking into that. SCI will get a new web site that is more (student) user-friendly. Questions asked:
   a. For those AP faculty who don’t teach, how do we get involved?
      i. Trip leader on Alternative Spring Break
      ii. Community partner liaison
      iii. Community partner, if you have a project with which the students could help
      iv. Mentor (could give feedback on students’ e-portfolios, for example)
   b. Lots of us employ students; is there a way those jobs can be incorporated into SCI?
      i. See Tarleton’s model – critical, reflective practice with e-portfolios at the end of the internship
      ii. Samantha Blevins is the e-port specialist here; talk with her about e-port use.
   c. Thoughts on having a referral form on SCI web site?
      i. Who do you know who would fit the involvement needed?
      ii. They have something like that for students finishing a course at a specific level but nothing for non-course activity.
   d. The steering committee meets every other Monday in Heth – see the web site for meeting times. Meetings are open to anyone.

3. Special elections: University Advancement’s new Senator is Sandra Bond. Division of Information Technology’s new Senator is David Bailey. There were two or more nominees for the seats for Student Affairs and Finance & Administration so the deadline was extended to 5 PM on February 18.

4. AP Faculty Handbook update from Ed Oakes: a meeting had been scheduled but had to be cancelled due to Human Resources moving to their new location.

5. Next meeting: March 18 in the Bonnie Combo Room at 10:30 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.