

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 8, 2007

Faculty Present: Rudy Beharrysingh, Ron Poor, Mary Bradley, Allan Grant, Randy McCall, and Wilda Walker

President Beharrysingh called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

President Beharrysingh handed out a rubric distance learning assessment that was given out at the “distance leaning forum” in December of 2006. There was a discussion of grade distribution between distance learning and traditional classes. At the same time there was a discussion about the policy for high school assessment and advising procedures.

Allan Grant reported about the problems being experienced with Blackboard and some communication problems with that system. Also reported about the Forest Service property and where the college stands relative to that project. He also related information about the decline of education in America and some disturbing trends from a recent report called “The Executive Summary Policy Information Report, America's Perfect Storm: Three Forces Changing Our Nation's Future,” published February 5, 2007 by Educational Testing Service www.ets.org/stormreport .

President Beharrysingh also asked for ideas about how to improve participation at faculty senate meetings. He also asked for possible reasons as to why people seem disinterested in attending faculty senate meetings. The point was raised that faculty seem somewhat isolated from each other in their respective buildings and that time, schedules, other meetings were all factors. It was also stated that the faculty senate is important and that it facilitates the faculty’s input into the college’s operations. Thus the next faulty senate meeting will be a luncheon/meeting in March or April.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary