Merritt College Faculty Senate

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2012
12:30 TO 1:00 PM – ROOM R112A
AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **New Business**
   - 6.1 Planning and Budgeting Council appointment
   - 6.2 DAS rep appointment, College Budget Committee appointment
   - 6.3 Special Election? Or Keep12 senators for 2012-2013?
   - 6.4 College President Hiring committee appointment

3. **Adjournment**

Coming Activities:
Parttime Faculty Orientation: Friday, August 17, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in R23

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students to attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society.

Academic and Professional matters means the following policy development matters:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.
3. Grading policies.
4. Educational program development.
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
9. Processes for program review.
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

Meetings in R-112A*   1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month

From the Merritt Academic Senate Constitution

Section 2:

The Academic Senate shall consist of:

A. *At-large members nominated by and elected from the Contract/Regular/Probationary Faculty.*
B. *Two members nominated by and elected from the Part-Time/Temporary Faculty.*
C. *Total Senate membership shall be between 15% and 20% of the number of Contract/Regular/ Probationary members of the Merritt College Faculty. The percentage will be determined by the Academic Senate an in effect for the next academic year. The number of Contract/Regular/Probationary members of the Merritt College Faculty shall be determined by the Office of Instruction on the March 1st preceding the election*

Currently 72 Contract faculty. In Fall 2012, 70 Contract faculty

70 x 15 % = 10.5 (11 faculty) 70 X 20% = 14 (14 faculty)
72 x 15 % = 10.8 (11 faculty) 72 X 20% = 14.4 (15 faculty, mathematically usually 14)

Section 3:

The terms of office of Contract members of the Academic Senate shall be two years; the terms of office of Part-Time/Temporary Faculty members of the Academic Senate shall be one year; both Contract and Part-Time/Temporary Faculty terms beginning on the last Academic Senate meeting prior to final examination week of the Spring Term except as provided for in Part II, Article V, Section 1. The newly elected academic senate members will assume their powers and responsibilities as of July 1st.

A. *A vacancy may be declared when a senator is absent for three Academic Senate meetings within one semester.*

B. *A vacancy in an at-large position shall be filled for the unexpired term by a special election in accordance with Section 1 of this article.*

C. *There shall be a good faith effort to fill Academic Senate vacancies within a month.*

D. *Replacements for academic senators on leave will be for the period of his/her leave. A special election will be held in accordance with Section 1 or Section 2 of this article, as appropriate.*

The Academic Senate shall elect senators for one-year terms to the following officers: Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Part-Time/Temporary Senators shall not be eligible for the offices of President and Vice-President. The Past President is automatically a member of the Senate Executive Council, for one year, and his/her term as senator can be extended for one year, if necessary.

C. The Academic Senate shall have a good faith effort to hold elections for the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer during the month of April. Terms of office shall start July 1st.