I. Call to Order: 2:00 PM

II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Attending:

Absent: Thacker, Hallaman.

Guests: D. Warren, R. Kairis

Ex-Officio: Dean Walter Wagor, Assistant Dean A. Bathi Kasturiarachi

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Councilor Shelestak
Second: Councilor Fox

Discussion: Addition to agenda: New business -
1. Faculty seating during commencement

Vote to approve the agenda with addition: 16 Y, 0 N

IV. Approval of October 18, 2013 minutes

Motion to approve: Councilor Moneysmith
Second: Councilor Khourey-Bowers

Corrections/Discussion:
1. Correct spelling of Assistant Dean Kasturiarachi’s name

Vote to approve minutes with spelling corrections: 16 Y, 0 N

V. Chair’s Report

Chair Norton-Smith began by reminding those in attendance that council initiated Faculty Excellence Award considerations at 9:00 AM with intentions to complete the task following the adjournment of the council meeting. The chair’s second and final point centered on the first draft of the strategic plan. The draft will be sent out to all faculty for review on Nov. 21st with feedback due to the committee by Dec. 6th. A campus-wide forum to further discuss the plan will be held Dec. 6th at 2:00 PM. Following the Dec. 6th meeting, the draft will be revised and then released to “all” by December 23rd. The revised draft of the plan will be made available for comments/questions at the Jan. 17th, 2014 Faculty Council meeting.
VI. Dean Wagor’s Report

- The new science building has successfully undergone the bidding process with 16 companies presenting bids—all within the budget. Discussion of the bids will be on the December agenda of the Ohio Controlling Board. Two additional bidding processes are currently taking place; the furniture, furnishings and equipment (FFE) bid and the AV package bid.
- Three campus street signs and lighting have been installed. Plantings on the Frank/University corner are to come.
- The president (L. Lefton) has approved new signage for campus buildings.
- Discussion regarding DL class offerings is ongoing. There are some concerns at the Kent campus that RC’s are “taking” Kent Campus students. The Board of Trustees has determined that RC students will bear the burden of costs for DL in a two-step implementation process.
- In response to questions, Dr. Wagor emphasized that the DL discussion centered on V1 courses. Also it was noted that once a faculty member is approved to teach a course, that course can be taught in any format.
- The discussion of bad debt continues. There seems to be no resolution and that bad debt is a regional campus issue.
- In response to a question regarding traditional invitations to council members for featured speaker presentations (which were not offered for BJ King), Dr. Wagor suggested that he will look into the details regarding the process.

VII. Assistant Dean Kasturiarachi’s Report

- The roll out of the articulation agreement between KSU at Stark and SSCT will take place in the spring.
- Thanks were given to coordinators for sending information for the F2014 schedule. The schedule may return to coordinators at some point for changes.
- Regarding DL courses; every $2.00 of tuition has a $1.00 instructional fee.
- The English department at the Stark Campus has formed a Stark Writing Program Committee. The committee will initially be chaired by Mary Rooks.

VIII. Committee Reports:

a. PAAC
   i. 34 conference participants have been funded. The budget balance for Fall semester is (-) $2000.00.

b. Committee II
   i. No report

c. Colloquium Committee
   i. First colloquium of the AY will take place today at 5:00 PM in the Library Conference Room.

d. Treasurer/Social Committee
   i. Invitations to the holiday party have been distributed. All attendees are encouraged to bring auction items. Proceeds will benefit the Akron/Canton Food Bank.

e. Handbook Committee
   i. The committee has not yet begun their task. Associate Provost Sue Averill’s comments have been forwarded to the chair (Councilor Moneysmith).

f. Technology Committee
   i. Ipads and carts are being considered for purchase.
ii. Discussion of the interactive projector purchase for FA 30 continues.

iii. Selection of computer carts (lecterns) in the to-be-constructed Science/Nursing Building is in progress.

IX. Old Business
   a. none

X. New Business
Discussion of faculty line-up at commencement. Should former and current DTA recipients be seated together, or should faculty simply line up without regard to their “status”?
Motion by Councilor Fox: The DTA finalists should lead the faculty procession with remaining faculty to line up as they wish.
Second: Councilor Tobias
Vote to approve motion: 16 Y, 0 N.

XI. Announcements:
   • Councilor Shelestak announced that Barbara Broome (KSU alumna and former RC student) has been selected as the new dean of the CON.
   • Dean Kasturiarachi thanked Mary Southards and Chair Norton-Smith for the response to DL inquiries regarding scheduling.

XII. Adjournment: 2:50 PM