UHCL Faculty Assembly Meeting – September 19, 2012 Minutes

Bayou Building – Garden Room, B1510

Meeting was called to order at 11:45, September 19, 2012.

The Faculty Senate Spring meeting Minutes approved. FS President Ley introduced Provost Dr. Stockton who welcomed the panelists and noted that President Staples was attending a community event in which he is promoting the Four Year Initiative.. He reported the faculty would be preparing Freshmen and Sophomore curriculum for Fall 2014 to submit to the THECB no later than Fall, 2013. He reminded faculty that they would be asked to review the list.

President Ley introduced the moderator, Dr. Robert Bartsch, who then began by introducing the panelists on the Q & A Panel of faculty, all with extensive experience teaching freshmen and sophomores. Panelists included Karen L. Duston, PhD, Chair & Professor, Department of Natural Sciences, San Jacinto College South; Evan Richards, PhD, Lee College, Physics Instructor & STEM Day Director; Dagmar Scharold, Writing Center Director & Lecturer, UH-Downtown; Vanese Delahoussaye, EdD, Professor, Department of Early Childhood Studies Houston Community College; Eddie Weller, PhD, Distinguished Professor of History, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department Chair, San Jacinto College South.

The panelists gave a brief minute introduction with bio during which they noted that junior level college students may not know what they want to do and will spend more time learning if they are actively engaged. Lecture is not as successful as active learning. Each panelist had comments and advice about what does and does not work well with students. For example, junior level students may excel at multiple-choice tests but are not critical thinkers. Students have to be acculturated with the academy, such as attending class, submitting assignments on-time, etc.