Hillsborough Community College
Brandon Campus Advisory Council Meeting
December 6, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Beth Smith (Chair), Lauretta O’Dell, Daniel Berkowitz, Randall Rockefeller, Scott Behrens, Mason Nottingham, Laurie MacNicol, Paul Bishop, Hyomin Kim, Jose Galvis, Gail Anderson, Kimberly French, Denise Samide (note taker)

Call to Order: Beth Smith called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Mason Nottingham motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 1, 2013, and the motion was seconded by Paul Bishop.

New Business:

Dr. Soto Campus Updates:

Faculty/Staff Entry Gates: The gate timing issues have been resolved.

Ground mulching issues: Students were planning to picket/protest the using of Cypress mulch on the campus grounds. No students were present at today’s meeting.

Walking Works Program: Denise Samide stated The 10,000 Steps a Day Challenge has concluded, with the winner being the SouthShore campus. There was some confusion at the end of the program with how the winner should be determined, with the last minute decision that eligible participants would have had to have walked at least 10,000 steps a day to be counted. This change reduced the number of eligible participants for Brandon, which dropped our campus into 4th place for the Challenge.

Diabetes Walk: Denise Samide stated that the Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes was held on November 9 at USF Marshall Center. It was a great event, although the Brandon Campus participation was a little disappointing, with only $120.00 being raised, and 7 participants. The low participation may have be due to the fact that the Heart Walk was scheduled for the weekend before, so we had two major fundraisers back to back.

Heart Walk: Beth Smith stated that the Heart Walk was held on November 2, and because of the rainy weather, 65% of the participants did not show up for the event. The 3-mile walk was eliminated, and only the 1-mile route was used for those who braved the rain.

Fit Club: Sunshine Gibbons reported that because her injury is persisting, the Fit Club is being delayed. She is looking for someone to step up and take over while she recovers.
**Food Forest:** Dr. Soto reported that student were going to be working on the grounds for the new food forest, laying down dirt and cardboard on both Saturday and Sunday, and put out a call for volunteers to help.

**Students for the Environment:** SFE is leading an initiative on a ban on water bottles. Studies indicate an excess use of water bottles leads to an increase in estrogen and hormone production. Earth Day bash to be held in April, with the return of the drum circle, which was popular last year. More information to come in the spring.

**Engineering Club:** Alex Anzalone stated that the Electrathon car has been updated, and that HCC’s car beat USF’s car. Also, the work on the electric-powered golf cart will be restarted in January.

**Science Club:** The Science Club students will be taking a trip to the Florida Keys with scuba diving and snorkeling. Trip to Death Valley will be coming up in the summer.

The IAC meeting to be held today at the Dale Mabry Campus at 1:00 p.m. Quorum is met.

**Hearing of Employees and Students:**

Dean Behrens stated that he is not receiving any information for the faculty newsletter.

Dr. Holladay will be chairing a conference in February for two-year community colleges.

Black, Brown and College Bound will be held in February.

Beth Smith stated that the Brandon Diversity Council will be sponsoring a discussion on women’s health in March. Topics will include human trafficking and domestic violence.

Laurie MacNicol stated that gifts for the Foster Angel tree will be picked up on the evening of the 12th. There are many tags still available.

Hyomin Kim spoke on behalf of HPPO, stating that the gifts for the Head Start children will be delivered on December 18. There will be a Shriner event on December 9. HPPO member recognition to be held on December 11th in BADM Conference Center.

Dean Behrens stated that the Science Olympiad will be held at the Brandon Campus on February 1, and put out a call for volunteers. They are expecting the same number of teams to participate as we had last year, and all campuses are welcome to participate.

The next CAC meeting to be held on **February 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.,** and IAC is scheduled to be held at District.

**Adjournment:** Beth Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.