

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2006

Call to Order: Scott Beckett, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Senators Present: Scott Beckett, Margie Waguespack, Mindy Adams, Mike Bellah, Nancy Brent, Karla Dixon, D'dee Grove, Ann Hamblin for Judy Isbell, Judy Jackman, Lana Jackson, Michael Kopenits, Aimee Martin, Jan Martin, Sheree Talkington, Lil Withrow, Henry Wyckoff

Senators Absent: Gay Mills, Larry Adams, Steve Beckham, Bob Matthews

Visitors: Carroll M. Forrester, Elizabeth Bauman

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 15 were approved as corrected.

SGA Report:

Elizabeth Bauman, SGA President, updated the Senate on SGA activities, primarily the SGA's resolution to change the AC class schedule to include a lunch break between classes for club meetings. Elizabeth noted that she thought this would increase student involvement.

Welcome of New Senators:

Scott Beckett, moderating for Gay Mills, introduced and welcomed new senators Lana Jackson and Aimee Martin.

President's Report:

Scott Beckett for Gay Mills

Scott reported for Gay, who was attending the TCCTA Leadership Conference in Austin. Scott reported on the Executive Committee's meeting with Dr. Matney, noting that they presented him with the Enrollment Fact-Finding Committee's recommendations. Dr. Matney mentioned a possible new employee group, a professional group with a separate salary schedule. Senators agreed to ask Dr. Matney more about this group at the November meeting.

Committee Reports:

Elections Committee: Mike Bellah reported that he will soon send out an email asking for Piper Professor nominations. Henry Wyckoff motioned to charge the Elections Committee with setting a nomination deadline, Sheree Talkington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Technology Committee: Larry Adams reported by email that he was trying to get the access code so that he could update the Senate Web page and post news and meetings in myAC.

Courtesy Committee: Lil Withrow reported that the Committee had sent out five cards to faculty members.

Salary Committee: Scott Beckett reported that there were apparent discrepancies between the faculty salary schedule and faculty pay in some instances. Jan Martin motioned that the Senate ask Human Resources to post the formula for figuring faculty salaries online so that faculty could reference it. Mindy Adams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Questions Committee: No report.

Faculty Development Committee: No report.

Professor Emeritus Committee: No report.

Old Business:

Faculty Survey: Senators reviewed the proposed faculty survey, made suggestions and changes, and discussed distribution methods.

Scott Beckett thanked Henry Wyckoff for making nametags for senators.

AC Committee Report: D'dee Grove reported on the Faculty Technology User Committee's activities and noted that this committee is attempting to communicate more effectively with the Technology Committee.

New Business:

Lil Withrow reported on parking problems in the faculty/staff parking lot near the Carter Fitness Center since parents block access when dropping off and picking up volleyball players. A Faculty Parking Problem Subcommittee was formed with Lil as Chair. Mike Bellah moved that the Committee draft a resolution and present it to Mike Duval. Michael Kopenits seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Bellah reported on some inconsistencies in how faculty teaching online classes are paid for overloads and proposed forming the Ad Hoc Pro-Rate Committee to study the situation. Jan Martin, Aimee Martin, and Mike Bellah were appointed to this Committee. Mike moved that the Committee gather data from online instructors from various departments to present at the November meeting. Henry Wyckoff seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Beckett (?) reported that Steve Dutton hoped to leave the hospital on Friday and planned to return to teaching in the spring.

Mike Kopenits, Chair of the AC Travel Committee, reported that the Committee had \$30,000 in requests. Classified and Administrators received \$12,500 and Faculty received \$12,500. It was decided by the Committee that they would disburse the money with a maximum of \$340 per request and a maximum of \$1,000 per department. Mike will look at sister institutions to see how much money they have for faculty travel.

Adjournment: 5 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 3, 2006, CUB Private Dining Room