

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 6, 2009

I. Call to Order: Lana Jackson, President, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

Senators Present: Lil Withrow, Tom Shelton, Preston Childers representing Claudie Biggers, Nichol Dolby, Matt Craig, Steven Beckham, Nancy Brent, Jnita Collins, Aimee Martin, Bill Netherton, Victoria Taylor-Gore, Sheree Talkington, Lana Jackson, Jill Gibson, Priscilla Hunt representing Mindy Graham, Ann Hamblin, Bob Matthews, Teresa Smoot, Anne Nail, Marianne Jones, Lil Withrow

Guests: Duane Litner, Carroll Mac Forrester, Cherie Clifton, Denise Hirsch, Becky Byrd

Senators Absent: Claudie Biggers, Mindy Graham, Larry Adams

II. Approval of Minutes:

Bill Netherton moved for approval of the minutes, Jnita Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. President's Report:

- a. Wireless updated: Wireless Internet is installed on Washington St. campus but there has been some difficulty accessing it. For instructions on wireless Internet, go to the Portal, services, wireless
- b. Equipment Replacement taking place on Washington St. campus
- c. Enteo: ITS is currently removing Enteo from older computer. Lana Jackson and Claudie Biggers have met with Dr. Matney regarding certain faculty concerns including:
 - a. Rate my Professor: Rate my Professor has requested faculty evaluations. There appears to be no way to legally avoid complying with this request.
 - b. Department Chair Stipends: Faculty Supervisors Council is looking at matrix for department chair stipends.
 - c. Graduation 2010: A December graduation will be added in 2010. Dr. Matney says that attendance at both graduations is "negotiable".
 - d. Student Support Services: Faculty Senate has issued a resolution in favor of pursuing the renewal of the Trio Support Services Grant.
 - e. CTL: There is some concern that e-learning center is taking over too much authority for online classes.
 - f. IT Council: Doug Pickle and Emory Shire have resigned as faculty reps and have been replaced by Duane Litner and Dan Ferguson. On the IT Council, there are 11 administrators, five faculty members, one student and one classified staff members
 - g. Software Licenses: ITS decision not to release software codes concerns faculty.
 - h. ITS work orders: ITS has been running behind on work orders. Equipment replacement is happening slowly.
- d. Title V application
AC is applying for grant money to assist in supporting Hispanic students who are doing poorly at AC.

- e. SACS Distance Education Substantive Change Report is still not submitted.
Committee will meet Monday to write the Distance Education Strategic Plan
- f. SACS Fifth Year Interim Report has requested information on how we document student complaints
- g. AC Online—bulk of training has ended. Faculty should forward requests for additional training topics to Claudie or Jill.
- h. Community College Survey of Student Engagement: Dr. Matney is encouraging faculty to participate.

IV. Committee Reports

Courtesy Committee: Nancy Brent

Shawna Lopez	automobile accident
Judy Massie	daughter-in-law hospitalized; birth of premature daughter
Richard Howard	Thinking of you (illness)
Jennie Pickle	death of mother
Kim McGowan	death of mother
Tommye Lou Jones	death of Dr. Jones
Mindy Graham	birth of grandson
Richard Howard	awarded the First Fellow Award by U.S. Fencing Coaches Association

Elections Committee: Lil Withrow

We are in the process of electing seven new senators. Ballots will go out on Monday the 9th. Nominees are as follows:

Allied Health:	Becky Burton Rebecca Byrd Rena Hutches declined
Behavioral Sciences	no nominees
Business	Duane Litner Mark Usnick declined Bruce Moseley does not meet requirements
Enrollment Management	Sally Evans
Advising/Stud. Development	Judy Jackman
Lang., Comm., Fine Arts	Ann Fry Michelle Orcutt
Library/Other	Jana Comerford
Nursing	Theresa Edwards Denise Hirsch Celestina Rangel

Legislative Committee: Ann Hamblin

The Texas Legislature is looking at legislation in favor of proportionality. This is an important issue for the faculty. The Legislature wants to reduce the portion of money it gives the community colleges for health benefits for all employees, which will put a heavy burden on institutions. The Faculty Senate Legislative Committee

is going to distribute information regarding this and will encourage a faculty letter-writing campaign.

Questions Committee: Bill Netherton

Paul Matney responded via email regarding the naming of the building. Nicol Dolby expressed concern about the Faculty Senate expressing the need for all employee input on building naming before the new biology science lab building is completed. Senate agreed by consensus to form an ad hoc committee on building naming. Nicol Dolby, Sheree Talkington, Bob Matthews, Jnita Collins volunteered to serve on this committee with Matt Craig as an alternate.

Verbal Question: Summer 1 start date was moved up to a week following commencement. Summer 1 starts a week before public schools are dismissed. Online classes start the Monday after public school ends. Bill Netherton will submit this question to Bob Austin.

Salary Committee: Ann Hamblin, Nancy Brent, Aimee Martin

The Faculty Senate Salary Committee Report stresses the Faculty Senate's desire to have input in how raises are distributed to faculty. The number one priority is to increase rank pay, the second priority is to increase salary to address faculty's reduced standard of living. Faculty salaries have fallen significantly behind increases in the CPI. The committee also pointed out the significant increase in the number of administrators at Amarillo College.

Technology Committee: no report

Jnita Collins noted that we need to ask Mindy Graham why the bylaws and constitution are no longer available online

Faculty Survey Committee: Aimee Martin

Responses have more than doubled with 132 faculty members participating. The committee is compiling the information to distribute to the entire faculty. We will have results at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Professor Emeritus Committee: Jill Gibson

Initially Senators considered Carol Nicklaus for this honor; however, she did not have the required 20 years of full-time faculty experience so Arthur Schneider was chosen.

Academic Technology Committee: Victoria Taylor-Gore

The Committee is looking in to resources for student discounts and free downloads of software and is compiling a list.

Question about optimizing files for online classes is being addressed by Brian Nixon in the e-learning center.

Questions about integrity of online assessments will lead to continued investigation.

Question about Enteo slowdown of computers was referred to the IT Council

Question about software policies (who keeps the software keys) referred to the IT Council.

Mead Award Committee: Victoria Taylor-Gore

Nomination form posted on MyAC, posters are around campus. Submissions are being taken until April 2. Request to send an email to all students as well as request for CARL call announcement.

V. Old Business

Student Success Indicators awaiting direction from the Administration.

Dr. Jackson did not write the Enteo resolution since IT is already taking steps to address the problem. In light of this, Dr. Jackson recommended that we rescind the resolution regarding Enteo. Nicol Dolby moved, Lil Withrow seconded and the motion carried. Following the release of the results of the Faculty Survey, the Senate may look at drafting a more general technology resolution.

VI. New Business

Regent Michelle Fortunato requested faculty representation on the committee that will review internal candidates for the position of president. Faculty Senate President Lana Jackson will serve and Michelle Fortunato has asked for three names of faculty members of which she will select one. After discussion, it was determined that Lana Jackson and Claudie Biggers will be the individuals submitted for this committee.

VII. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Lil Withrow and seconded by Nancy Brent . The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.