

Faculty Senate October 6, 2023 1:00 pm Oak Room		
Members Present	President - Dr. Rene'e Stovall; Business Management Vice President - Stephen Malley; Fire Academy Parliamentarian - Teresa Gaus-Bowling; Biological Sciences Secretary - Dr. Sue Vandagriff; Physical Therapist Assistant Program LaVon Barrett; Pre-Health Sciences Brent Childers; Industrial Technology Donna Cleere; Dental Hygiene Robert Dillon; Biological Sciences Dr. Nathaniel Fryml; Music Brent Gandy; Auto Body Technology Dr. Chris Hudson, English Jay Sawyer; Speech/Communication Teresa Herrera; Nursing Skip Chism, English Tim Leeper; Math	
Members Absent	None	
Guests	Tamara Clunis (VPAA), Sandy Parker, Sheree Talkington, Becky Byrd, Tamra Rocsko, Michael Hart, Tony Tackitt, Pam Quintanilla, Letha Black, Cassie Montgomery (Director of Outreach Services), Robert Fulton, Jonathan Jenkins	
Subject	Discussion/Information	Action/Decisions/Recommendations/Timelines
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm in the Oak Room	By President Rene'e Stovall
President's Report	Faculty Senate officers met with Interim President Denese Skinner. Discussion about automatic alerts in Watermark to reflect AC's Culture of Caring. Discussion about need for supervisor training to ensure consistency throughout AC in employee performance evaluation. Discussion about consistency in following AC Student Grievance Policy. Planning is underway for 2024 ACES training, with planned focus on AI.	Motion to approve minutes from September 15, 2023 meeting (Brent Childers motion; Jay Sawyer second; motion carried by voice vote)
Vice President's Report	Optional training is being provided next week concerning employee performance evaluation. AC funds have been approved to create a First Responders' Memorial downtown in conjunction with City of Amarillo. Question proposed by faculty member about AC's current policy on a vote of no confidence.	
Secretary's Report	No report	
Parliamentarian's Report	No report	

Guest Report(s)	Dr. Clunis discussed proposed study to determine proposed college-wide use of 70% pass standard, with initial focus on Nursing. Proposed study of Public Safety programs postponed. Discussed use of IDS data and its implications on program completion. Data from other colleges may be included in study. Also discussed comparison of course completion to successful pass rate on state license exams. Cassie Montgomery discussed AC's efforts to recruit students from AISD and other high schools in the 9 county service area. Meetings are held in College Career/Military Readiness centers or libraries, not classrooms. Outreach Services also works with employers such as Goodwill and Region XVI Head Start, BSA, and NWTH.	Recommendation: Program faculty can access Outreach Services public calendar if they would like to attend events with Outreach Services. https://teamup.com/ksfkybpb5iyocaaq7o
Committees		
Questions	See attached report. Questions 1-4 concern salary and benefits. Questions proposed about 1. Substitution of \$2000 bonus for previously mentioned raises, 2. Proration for low enrollment classes, 3. Increase in TRP vs. ORP. See answers to questions provided by Frank Sobey. Question 4. Need for explanation of pay, stipends, benefits, etc. Refer to answer from Cheryl Jones. Question 5 concerns phasing out of Google Jamboard. Refer to answer from Lori Petty.	
Elections	No report	
Legislative	Senate Bill 17 requiring restriction of DEI offices in Texas public universities and a ban on mandatory diversity training. Senate Bill 18 preserves college faculty tenure.	
Professor Emeritus Award	Planning meeting will be scheduled.	
Faculty Committee Appointments	No report	
MEAD Award	In process	
Technology	Questions received regarding 1.access to AC website from out-of-state, 2.wifi access from campuses during first week of semesters, and 3. designation of DL-All Students for email.Please see attached questions/answers from Shane Hepler. Question 3. Designation DL-All students has been updated and is now working.	
Faculty Survey	No report	
Hospitality	Thank you for the provided refreshments.	
Instructional Technology	No report	
Courtesy	No report	
Salary	Discussion about proposals for salary increases, including stipend increases associated with rank.	
Board of Regents	Rene'e Stovall and Stephen Malley reported on the Board of Regents meeting.	
Faculty/Instructional Development	Question received about SENSE surveys that are being used in 7 week classes such as EDUC 1100.	
No Excuses	No report	
Faculty Handbook	Please forward any proposed changes in Faculty Handbook to Rene'e Stovall.	
Grievances	No report	

Updates & Announcements		
Next meeting: November 3, 2023 @ 1:00pm in Oak Room	Discussion about Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominee from AC. Nathaniel Fryml announced that the AC Master Chorale will present a free concert at First Baptist Church on November 3rd.	
Meeting Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Jay Sawyer; Second by Chris Hudson.	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.