Faculty Senate Minutes

The Faculty Senate met on August 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradford Hall Conference Center.

Members Attending:

- Sarah Altman
- Tracy Chapple
- Ceretta Davis
- Sherry Floerchinger
- Owen Gibby
- Allan Grant
- Bob Harrison
- Sharon Hatfield
- Wanda Morris
- Tim Quiring
- Sharon Ridley
- Lisa Shearer
- Roger Stephens
- Terry Tolle
- Kathie Wise
- Doug Ward
- Paul Wolf

Others in Attendance: Jason Jackson (part-time instructor).

2002-2003 Senators:

- Arts and Sciences: Allan Grant (President), Owen Gibby (Secretary/Treasurer), Tracy Chapple, Terry Tolle
- Career Technologies: Roger Stephens (Vice-President), Ceretta Davis, Doug Ward, (One vacancy)
- Health Sciences: Sharon Hatfield, Lisa Shearer, Kathie Wise, (One vacancy)
- Academic Support: Sharon Ridley
- Executive Council: Allan Grant, Roger Stephens, Owen Gibby, Terry Tolle, Kathie Wise, (One vacancy)

Faculty Senate developed a positive working relationship with Instructional Administration last year. The Senate wishes to recognize the efforts and contributions of Roger Stephens, 2001-2002 Senate President, and members of Instructional Administration: Gene Couch, Thom Brooks, Chris Cox, Debra Klavohn, and Barbara Putman.

Following is a list of agenda items and discussion:

1. **Faculty Senate Membership- Adjuncts and Continuing Education**
   
   The Senate discussed the possibility of allowing part-time and continuing education instructors to serve on Faculty Senate. An informal vote favored inclusion of these instructional groups in the senate. Senators will continue this dialogue with faculty, and the issue will be voted on formally at the next meeting.

2. **Faculty Senate Constitution-** The Senate will form another subcommittee this year to revise the constitution. More information will be available in the future.
subcommittee this year to revise the constitution, which can be accessed at http://www.southwesterncc.edu/facsenate/constitution.htm

The Senate encourages input from the faculty in this process.

3. **Instructional Titles** - The issue of faculty titles was discussed. Is "instructor" adequate? Or, would other alternatives, such as "professor," be more definitive and in some cases, more appropriate? Senators should also discuss this issue with colleagues.

4. **Academic Performance of Students in a Culturally Diverse Environment** - As SCC becomes more diverse, issues involving cultural and linguistic barriers for some students may be important ones. Cherokee students, for example, comprise a significant segment of the college population. Do differences in culture and language represent major impediments to academic success for some students? Should we further explore this issue? The Senate requests faculty input.

5. **Faculty Center** - To achieve a greater sense of community among colleagues, the Senate would like to explore the possibility of space being granted for a general faculty center on campus, even if the space is small. The Senate recognizes current space restrictions, but requests future considerations.

6. **Reduction in Load for Faculty Senate President** - A course reduction for President of Faculty Senate is currently not an option, but if future budgets are more favorable, the Senate would like to pursue the possibility.

7. **Title III Grants** - Some Title III funds may still be available. Monies must be spent by September 30.

8. **Evaluations of Supervisors** - Currently no process is conducted for evaluation of supervisors. Should such an instrument be used as a part of the evaluation process at SCC? Senators should discuss this issue with their respective divisions.

Once again, the Senate requests input, participation from the faculty. The 2002-03 year can be a productive one. Please support your Faculty Senate!

Next Meeting: TBA

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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