

Faculty Senate Meeting
August 16, 2005

President Linda Talbott called the first Faculty Senate meeting of academic year 2005-2006 to order at 3:00 on August 16, 2005. Attendees were welcomed and encouraged to participate in senate activities.

Senators for the divisions are announced as follows:

Health Sciences: Penny Wells, Ellen Heim, Lori Yerse, Terri McQuiddy

Arts and Sciences: Duane Wesolick, Allan Grant, Bob Satterwhite, Owen Gibby,
Chris Cox

Career Technologies: Scott Baker, Wilda Walker, Peter Messier

2005-2006 Officers:

Linda Talbott, President

Ron Poor, Vice President

Randy McCall, Secretary

Faculty Members Present:

Terry Tolle, Hilary Seagle, Pete Wolosin, Ceretta Davis, Toni Knott, Mary Bradley, Bob Harrison, Debbie Ray, Connie Gregory, Wanda Morris, Kurt Berger

Agenda:

- *Committee Representatives

- *SLA

- *TOPS (Teaching Our Peers)

- * Fund Raiser - Scholarships

- *Other

1. Committee Representatives

The following are the faculty members that volunteered or were asked to be representatives on various college committees:

Advising: Linda Talbott

Commencement: Hilary Seagle

Curriculum and Instruction: Wanda Morris

Disciplinary Review: Ron Poor

Ethnic/Gender Diversity: Lori Yerse

Foundation: Penny Wells

Global Education: Toni Knott

Health and Safety: Connie Gregory

Institutional Effectiveness: Chris Cox

Technology: Kurt Berger

President Council: Scott Baker

Professional Dev.: Wilda Walker

Retention: Sarah Altman

2. Student Leadership Association

Dr. Phil Weast requested that a member of the faculty be represented at SLA meetings. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the faculty senate would send representatives in an advisory capacity only. Allan Grant, Debbie Ray and Wanda Morris will be the faculty representatives.

3. TOPS (Teaching Our Peers)

It was discussed having faculty members create workshops or presentations in their specialty/discipline to build collegiality and possibly receive professional development points. The workshops would be about one hour in length, though there is no general timeline. Faculty was asked to generate ideas and if interested in doing a presentation contact Linda Talbott.

4. Faculty Senate Scholarship

There was a discussion of creating and raising money for a faculty senate scholarship. There was general interest, which favored the scholarship idea more than that of an “emergency fund” which would be used to aid students. Ron Poor made a motion to set aside a committee to further investigate the scholarship proposal, which was seconded by Kurt Berger. After a brief discussion, the senate voted in favor of the motion. The committee will be Terry Tolle, Ron Poor and Peter Messier. The committee will report back to faculty senate at the next meeting.

5. Other

President Talbott brought up that several faculty members have voiced concern with putting social security numbers on certain documents such as grade rosters. A motion to ask Instructional Administration to change this procedure was given by Ron Poor. A second was given by Wilda Walker. After a brief discussion a vote was taken with majority in favor.

A discussion was had about the Great Teachers Retreat and concern was voiced about mandatory attendance.

Hilary Seagle had a response concerning an issue from a spring meeting of the faculty senate concerning private and state insurance.

Also discussed how much faculty involvement will play a role in planning the new Macon campus and being proactive while planning is taking place.

Faculty also expressed the need for stronger disciplinary action and consequences for students who are guilty of academic dishonesty.

Adjunct faculty representation on the faculty senate was also an item for discussion. It was questioned how someone would represent a portion of our faculty that changes

so often and that it also would require an amendment to the constitution. Toni Knott will write a proposal concerning adjunct faculty and report back to the faculty senate.

A list of future meetings will be forthcoming from Linda Talbott, which will try to be accommodating and give everyone enough notice to make arrangements to attend if possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy McCall, Faculty Senate Secretary