

Faculty Senate Minutes
12-06-05

Faculty Present: Linda Talbott, Randy McCall, Owen Gibby, Chris Cox, Toni Knott, Terri McQuiddy, Penny Wells, Dr. Phil Wheast, Scott Baker, Ellen Heim, Lori Yerse

President Linda Talbott opened the meeting at 2:00 pm, December 06, 2005.

Adjunct Faculty Proposal

The first item on the agenda was the adjunct faculty proposal, which was written in the form of a motion by Allan Grant, and presented to the senate by Toni Knott. The proposal (motion) stated: "I move that the senate have a referendum of all (full time/eligible?) faculty to vote on adjunct faculty representation on the faculty senate. Each division will have one part time faculty representative who has taught at SCC for at least three years." The motion was given a second by Terri McQuiddy. The motion did not pass by vote of the faculty senate. Some of the questions and concerns pertaining to this issue was: How will adjunct faculty be selected?

How will they gather information from fellow adjunct faculty members?

Will they vote on issues that do not concern them?

How do we know that adjunct faculty will represent other faculty and not just their own interests.

Is it possible that adjunct faculty need their own senate?

Will a constitutional amendment reflect answers to these questions?

Toni Knott will take these questions back to Allan and will report back with a proposal that is more specific and detailed.

Email / Internet Problems

Linda Talbott read a response from David Kochersberger about the ongoing problems with the Internet and email. There was a very brief discussion afterward about some of the problems faculty was experiencing.

Tribal Education Funding

Dr. Phil Wheast joined the meeting to inform the faculty senate of changes in the way the Bureau of Indian Affairs does funding for students from the Cherokee Tribe. Also, Dr. Wheast said that he and Matthew Chadwick would visit one of the senate meetings in the spring to discuss recruiting issues. He asked faculty to think about ideas for other options about recruiting prospective students. One idea that was given was to give a virtual tour of our campus and individual program areas if possible.

Other items

Penny Wells spoke on behalf of the Foundation committee to determine the possibility of the faculty combining efforts with the foundation to raise money.

Lori Yerse announced her resignation at the end of the semester. Terri McQuiddy will assume her responsibilities on the Gender diversity committee. The Heath Sciences division will appoint another faculty member to represent on the faculty senate.

President Talbott said dates for meetings in the Spring Semester would be forthcoming.

Linda Talbott gave a reminder of the presentation by Duane Wesolick on 12-07-05.

One of the faculty members present pointed out that there are people on the Faculty Forum (on the website) that are not actually faculty. Apparently the phony faculty are book salesmen.

A motion to adjourn was given by Chris Cox and seconded by Owen Gibby at 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary