

## **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes August 14, 2007**

**Faculty Present:** Scott Cline, Ron Poor, Randy McCall, Kurt Berger, Mary Bradley, Allan Grant, Sheri Turk, Peter Messier, Matt Cass, Michael Deaver, Doug Ward, Ron Poor, Wanda Morris, Connie Gregory, Debbie Ray, Carolyn Porter, Rudy Beharrysingh, Toni Knott, Hilary Seagle, Wilda Walker

President Scott Cline called the first faculty senate meeting of the 2007-08 academic year to order at 3:00, August 14, 2007.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the last meeting of the faculty senate. Minutes were approved on a motion by Kurt Berger and was given a second by Doug Ward.

President Cline then introduced the officers and senators for the faculty senate, which are as follows:

- President: Scott Cline
- VP: Ron Poor
- Secretary: Randy McCall

Division senators are as follows:

- Career Technologies: Doug Ward, Connie Gregory, Carolyn Porter
  - Arts and Sciences: Mary Bradley, Matt Cass, Rudy Beharrysingh, Allan Grant
  - Health Sciences: Terry McQuiddy, Tony Belcher, Debbie Green, Diane English
- (\*Health Sciences Division had no representatives present for the first meeting.)

The next item on the agenda was the selection of faculty senate representatives to serve on various college committees.

- Advising- Sheri Turk
- C&I- Scott Cline
- Commencement- Carolyn Porter
- Ethnic and Gender Diversity- Mary Bradley
- Global Education- Toni Knott
- Health and Safety- Debbie Ray
- Institutional Effectiveness- Doug Ward
- Marketing- Wilda Walker
- Presidents Council- Allan Grant
- Professional Development- Kurt Berger
- Retention Committee-Ron Poor
- Technology- Mike Deaver

There was a brief discussion of faculty representation on the Wellness and Disciplinary Review Committees. While there may be faculty on each of these committees, they may or may not be representative of the faculty senate. There was a motion to take to

Instructional Administration that there should be faculty senate representation on all committees. Motion carried by majority vote; none opposed.

The next item on the agenda was concerning voting before taking issues or concerns to Instructional Administration. The concern was ensuring that issues taken to Instructional Administration is from a collective voice and not just one person. It was pointed out that it is not the obligation of the faculty senate to provide a breakdown of votes, for or against, whatever the concern is. The senate decides a motion or resolution and anything carried forward goes through the appropriate faculty senate process. The faculty senate is designed to be representative of the faculty as a whole.

There was a brief discussion about what to do with monies in a bank account held for faculty senate. It was pointed out that the account was rarely used (only once last year) and the balance of the account is \$46.58. The discussion centered on options such as filing for tax-exempt status, donating to the SCC foundation or The Milestone. It was decided by majority vote to donate the money to the Milestone. There was no opposition.

### **Issues and concerns:**

- Make sure hot button topics are taken by senators to their constituents and then relay information back to the faculty senate.
- Input into the college calendar and reinstating mid term breaks. A motion by Doug Ward for senators to poll their respective divisions regarding mid-term breaks passed by majority vote. Will resume discussion at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion of longevity pay and SCC's reallocation of money that the state designated for faculty salaries. President Cline said that he would inquire.
- Scheduling: A motion was made by Rudy Beharrysingh and given a second by Mary Bradley requesting that we have fewer meetings during the first two weeks and the last two weeks of the semester. The motion passed by majority vote and President Cline will carry it forward.
- Professional Development: A brief discussion was held about professional development day. A motion was given by Allan Grant and seconded by Ron Poor stating that there should be no speaker, short training sessions and allowing us to get to work preparing for classes. The motion passed by unanimous vote. President Cline will carry this forward.
- There was a discussion of having more open dialogue between the admissions office and faculty concerning academic advising and students who are not being put in the correct programs. Sheri Turk, senate representative for the advising committee will carry this forward to that committee.

The grading scale item on the agenda was tabled for discussion at the next meeting, which will be October 24, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall, Secretary