

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting March 5, 2008

Present: Scott Cline, Randy McCall, Ron Poor, Del Ruff, Gene Norton, Allan Grant, Pamela Judson, Rudy Beharrysingh, Carolyn Porter, Sheri Turk, Dianne English, Tim Quiring, Doug Ward, Connie Gregory, Michael Deaver, Toni Knott, Bucky Dann, Mary Bradley.

Call to Order

President Scott Cline called the meeting of the faculty senate to order at 2:00 pm.

Agenda Item 1: Jackson County Early College

Gene Norton and Pamela Judson gave a brief update on the Jackson County Early College (JCEC), its goals and purpose. Dr. Norton and Ms. Judson explained the purpose of the early college is to help prevent students from “dropping out” at the high school level by giving them a goal of completing a two-year degree shortly after graduating from high school. Classes are more intensive and students are slowly integrated into the college environment to help ensure student success. Dr. Norton provided examples of other community colleges that have experienced success with the early college. He also explained that the plan has already been approved, but not yet sure where the JCEC will be housed on the Jackson campus.

There were observations and concerns voiced by the faculty present that currently teach at the Macon campus where there is already an early college in place. There was also concern voiced over where the Early College might be housed.

It was explained that the JCEC will follow the high school core curriculum and students will be taught by secondary teachers and will slowly be integrated into the college environment. As students come into college level classes, content stays the same. Faculty should not treat a high school student in their classes differently than anyone else. Students will be expected to rise to the expectations of the instructor or the standard of material being taught. Any concerns should be taken to the liaison of the early college, who in turn would take concerns to the principal and ultimately the superintendent. JCEC students will begin as college transfer students.

Gene Norton stated that he would be glad to take faculty concerns back to the committee and report back at a later meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Improved College Access

Gear Up

President Cline introduced Del Ruff the new director of the Gear Up program. Mr. Ruff explained the intent and purpose of the Gear Up program and explained that he had met with Gear Up faculty to ensure that everyone understood they are part of SCC and not the public school system. The Gear Up program is currently being redesigned to have more involvement with SCC faculty and staff, to ultimately guide students toward post-secondary education. Mr. Ruff stated that his goal is to get people together to help students be successful. (Mr. Ruff also provided some useful insight into the early college with his background in education and already being associated with the Edgecombe Early College High School.)

New Century Scholars

President Cline provided an update concerning the NCS.

Agenda Item 3: Guidelines for Non-SCC Internet tools

President Cline provided the #5 draft of the Guidelines for Use of Non-SCC Supported Internet Tools and Services. There was a discussion about the guideline document and the group felt it had a negative feel to it. President Cline agreed to take the concerns voiced back to the ISSA group.

Agenda Item 4: ISSA Group Feedback and Committee Reports

President Cline reported that Colleague has caused a delay in publishing the summer schedule.

Allan Grant reported about Long Range Planning. He provided a Long Range Planning document to the senate and anyone wishing to review it should contact Allan Grant or President Cline.

Other:

President Cline provided an update about items from the last faculty senate meeting.

*Community Colleges receiving a local supplement. Fourteen of the responding colleges receive a local supplement (5-used for faculty salaries; 8-other; 1-did not know).

*None of the responding Colleges used a plus/minus grading scale.

*Only one of the responding colleges used a book rental program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall, Secretary