

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 3, 2010

Present: Bob Holt, Wilda Walker, Tony Belcher, Randy McCall, Connie Gregory, Ron Poor, Toni Knott, Barb Connell, Chris Cox

Call to order:

The meeting of the faculty senate was called to order at 3:35 by President Bob Holt.

I. Faculty Professional Development Fund

President Holt distributed information about the fund, which is an account within the SCC foundation. It is to provide assistance to faculty seeking to obtain a degree higher than that which they have currently earned. Anyone may contribute to this fund but SCC faculty are especially encouraged to make a contribution. While awards from the fund are reserved for full time faculty, adjuncts regularly teaching a full load will be considered. A committee consisting of the Senate President, Vice President and one Senator from each division will meet to recommend the awarding and distribution of the FPDF.

II. Senate Purpose and Participation Survey

Wilda Walker reported to the senate that her sub-committee will complete the faculty survey to be distributed by the end of February.

III. Presidential selection

There was a discussion about the possibility of having a faculty representative on the Presidential selection committee. It was pointed out that 1) it is up to the board and 2) experience dictates that there has never been faculty representation on the selection committee.

There was a brief discussion about the selection process. This discussion also included questions about the faculty's sense of direction of the college, internal vs. external candidates, and not promoting one candidate over another but supporting a candidate that supports a culture that is working for many at the college and continue the works that Dr. Groves has begun. The faculty present felt that Dr. Groves tenure at SCC has been one of outstanding support of the faculty, and it is hoped that the new president would not make significant changes to alter that collegial relationship. The question was also posed to have a faculty meeting to determine what faculty want. It was also pointed out that there is no point in having a seat on the selection committee if it is not a meaningful one.

By motion, second and vote, the senate will follow through with Vice President of Instructional Services, Dr. Gene Couch, about the proper channels to follow to ask for faculty representation on the presidential selection committee.

(See update below.)

IV. Acknowledgement of Dr. Groves

President Bob Holt will construct a resolution on behalf of the faculty senate recognizing Dr. Groves and his tenure at SCC. This resolution is to be read at graduation and the graduation committee will be informed.

V. Miscellaneous

It was brought up that the college has been open for a week after the most recent bout of inclement weather yet there are still two parking lots closed. President Holt will contact Chuck Reece about clearing parking lots.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall, Secretary

****Faculty Senate Update Note:**

Following the senate meeting on February 3, President Holt contacted Dr. Couch and arranged a meeting for the next day at 4:00 pm. On the morning of February 4, Dr. Groves' administrative assistant contacted Pres. Holt and asked that he meet with Dr. Groves at 11:00 that morning. Dr. Groves agreed to arrange a meeting with Conrad Burrell, Chairman of the SCC Board of Trustees, so that President Holt could request a faculty seat on the search committee. As of this writing, no date has been set for that meeting. President Holt did meet with Dr. Couch on February 4 to update him on the situation regarding faculty's desire to participate in the selection process.