

**Southwestern Community College
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 10, 2012**

Attendance: William Brothers, Tony Belcher, Jenn Hippensteel, Wendy Buchanan, Jeanette White, Kelly Burch, Amy Russ, Danelle Moses, Penny Wells, Meg Rollins-Petty, Ron Poor, Ceretta Davis, Randy McCall, Matt Cass, Ashley Cunningham, Kurt Berger, Pam Easley, Barbara Connell, Mary Bradley, Debbie Ray

Called to order at 2:30 PM by President William Brothers

Committee Vacancies

Filled vacant committee assignments – William Brothers will take Elizabeth Haynes' spots on President's Council and SACS Committee

- Amy Russ – E-Learning
- Mary Bradley – Ethnic and Gender Diversity
- Jeanette White – Marketing Committee

Faculty Awards

Discussion of Faculty Awards – determined that we need a subcommittee to work on details with Dr. Tomas

Volunteers for subcommittee – Mary Bradley, Jeanette White, Tony Belcher

Overload Policies

Discussion of overload policies – arose from Dean's meeting – we have no limitations as a school – other schools have limit of 1-2 per semester – discussion on how overloads affect teaching effectiveness and advising – discussed need for a subcommittee to look at regional community colleges to get a baseline rationale for a recommendation

Volunteers for subcommittee (will be chaired by William Brothers and Tony Belcher) – Danelle Moses, Barbara Connell, Ashley Cunningham, Jenn Hippensteel

Two-Year Terms for Senate

Discussion of possibility of two-year terms for Faculty Senate for the sake of continuity

Jeanette motioned

Barb Connell seconded

took vote – motion carries

New Business:

Jeanette White brought up safety issues with Burrell Building's walkway – rail needs to be solid and non-flexible – also need to fix the gap between railing and walkway – Matt Cass also mentioned the balcony in the building's atrium – move tall chairs away? Make railing higher?

Meg Petty asked about multi-media carts in each classroom that was discussed two years ago – any updates?

Jeanette White – is there a way to propose a cheap/free transportation for students to/from Macon Campus? Perhaps a collaboration between Macon and Jackson counties?

Motion to adjourn – made by Tony Belcher, seconded by Barb Connell

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm