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## Faculty Senate Minutes

**September 27, 2000**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 27 at 3:30 pm in Allied Health 234.

Members attending: Sarah Altman, Erika Courlander, Ceretta Davis, Sherry Floerchinger, Owen Gibby, Allan Grant, Mary Hartman, Barb Putman, Tim Quiring, Sharon Ridley, Roger Stephens, Doug Ward, Kathie Wise

Developmental is now a separate department and may be represented at faculty senate meetings.

Following is a list of agenda items and discussion:

- **Excellence in Teaching Awards-** the senate addressed the process of recognizing excellence among SCC faculty. For the past three years, all full-time faculty at SCC who have been employed by the college for a minimum of one year have been eligible to receive this award, and the available funds were dispersed equally among faculty whose achievements were approved by the senate. The senate raised the following questions concerning this issue: Should we continue this process? Or should the college recognize either a smaller group of faculty or a single faculty member for outstanding achievement associated with teaching? And, if we change the process, what should be the criteria for eligibility and selection? The senate recommended that this item be returned to the departments/clusters for additional input.
- **Recognition of Adjunct Faculty-** the senate recommended that we recognize the contributions of part-time faculty by sponsoring a function sometime in the near future. The senate "social" committee--Barb, Ceretta, and Mary--will plan this event.
- **Faculty Senate Constitution-** some sections of the senate constitution may need to be revised. Allan and Owen will proof the document, which will then be reviewed by the executive council, the senate, and finally, the full faculty.
- **Faculty Senate Scholarship/New Century Scholars-** once again, the senate discussed the possibility of committing to funds for student scholarships. This issue will also need to be addressed by the departments/clusters.

- **Faculty Mail-** the senate raised concerns relating to privacy of mail on campus and will request that the administration issue a memo clarifying these policies.
- **Faculty Advocacy-** the senate revisited the issue of a faculty advocacy system, which would allow for an intermediary, a neutral party, to be a part of the process involving matters such as certain faculty/administrative grievances. The senate will conduct further research, and this issue must also be discussed within the departments/clusters.
- **Student Opinion Surveys-** the senate reviewed the new student opinion survey procedures, as recommended by the Student Opinion Survey Team and Instructional Administration. Senators should inform their departments/clusters of these changes.
- **Faculty/Staff Survey-** this survey yielded some very useful data, and the senate recommended revisiting the results at the next meeting. The senate will also discuss the administration of the survey.
- **Bond Issue-** the senate recommended that faculty be familiar with the ramifications of the bond issue and encourage students to participate.

Next Meeting: To be announced

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.

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