

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Campus
March 2, 2010

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Steve Haley, president.

The following Senators were present:

Lee Smart, Leslie Peebles, Steve Haley, Joyce Johnson, Bill Turner, Sindy Abadie, Jason Jennings, Darcey Sims-Green, Marjorie Dernaika, , Joan McGrory, Mahnaz Ghaffarian, John Prichard, Stephen Williams, Jody Couch, Amy Waddell, William Weppner, Ron Gephardt, Vava Cook

The following Senators sent a Proxy:

Micheal Scott, Jason Whitt, Arnitria Taylor

The following Senators were absent:

Dale Railston, Delores Boland, Pam Jones

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes with a change in the make up of the committee appointed by Steve to make suggested changes to the A-100 guidelines.

C. Reports from Senate Officers and Committees

Sindy Abadie reported on the Faculty awards and indicated the there were candidates for every category. The selection committee, represented by University of Memphis faculty, is in place and the timeline is moving forward as planned.

Bill Turner reported on The Faculty Senate elections and indicated that the election process is on time and that the ballots should go out timely and there are candidates for all the slots.

D. Old Business

Steve Haley reported that Nevin Robbins informed Lee Smart that the faculty evaluations of Department heads and above was in place and would go out in late March or early April. The process will include evaluation of three levels Department chairs, Deans and the Provost. Some discussion ensued on the instrument for evaluation. Steve reminded the senators that the instrument was jointly constructed between the administration and the senate and that the senate had final approval. Any modifications would be an agenda item for next year.

E. New Business

Steve Haley brought up the possibility of having a shuttle between campuses. There was mixed discussion on the topic and no action was taken.

A discussion on the proposal to change employment requirements by the TBR. A motion was made by Leslie Pepples and seconded to support Columbia State's position letter. This motion passed unanimously. Steve will convey our support.

There was also a discussion about the change in the definition of a full time student by the TBR from 12 hours to 14 hours. The consensus was to have Joyce Johnson to urge the faculty sub council to prepare a resolution to oppose this.

John Kendall and Joanne Bassett discussed the A100 guidelines and the status of developmental courses.

- The 700 level courses will not be funded by financial aid other sources or methods to offer assistance to these students will be sought (these are courses that teach competencies below the high school level).
- The developmental department has been eliminated and the faculty and courses are under the traditional areas (math and education). This is in response to the obvious inevitable changes.
- The A100 guidelines are being refined as it relates to 800 level courses and above. (Joann provide Lee Smart, faculty senate secretary with a corrected letter from Paula Short on this topic as the one sent out to faculty was a not a true copy and was fraught with errors which she would not send out).
- Both stressed that the hope was for flexibility. Also, that definitions were not yet in place and that as these roll out we as a college will have to respond and adapt.
- It does appear that students will only be allowed one year of developmental courses.

Joann also responded to additional topics and questions.

- She confirmed there would be no buyout and that the TBR had responded that we had ours.
- The topic of tying funding to graduation rates. This is being reviewed with a desire to relate funding to Mission statements. The administration would be aggressive in presenting the differences of our college in this regard.
- On the topic of evaluations she asked the faculty to go through the process one year and then she would take a second look. She also indicated that the departmental chair evaluations that were done year before last had very little value as the results did not point out anything that required significant action. They were flat.
- On the topic of the faculty lounge she said that she had given this project to Stephanie Stevens and she was suppose to keep Lee Smart informed.

The next meeting will be at the Union campus in the faculty lounge and will be a joint meeting between old and new senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

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Ruthie Couch	(09-11)	jcouch	Developmental Studies	4608
Michael Scott	(09-11)	mscott	Fine Arts, Languages	5155
Marjorie Dernaika	(08-10)	mderernaika	Developmental Studies	4474
Darcy Sims-Green	(08-10)	dsgree	Soc Behav. /Crim. Just.	4278

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Lee Smart	(08-10)	lsmart	Business/Acct/Paralegal	5076
Arnitria Taylor	(09-11)	ahawkins	Office Administration	4735
Sindy Abadie	(08-10)	csabadie	Business/Acct/Paralegal	6021

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Amy Cox	(08-10)	acox	Allied Health	5390
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Amy Waddell	(08-10)	awaddell	Natural Sciences	5224

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