

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Union campus
October 5, 2010

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Joyce Johnson, president.

The following Senators were present:

Lee Smart, Leslie Peeples, Joyce Johnson, Bill Turner, Sindy Abadie, Jason Jennings, Joan McGrory, John Prichard, William Weppner, Ron Gephardt, Jason Whitt, Ravi Mehra, Delores Boland, Pam Jones, Donald Thomas, Jesse Lipford, Ladonna Young, Jody Couch, Mahnaz Ghaffarian

The following Senators sent a Proxy:

Michael Scott

The following Senators were absent:

Dale Railston, Arnitria Taylor, Jesse Lipford, Steve Haley, Stephen Williams

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented..

C. Reports from Senate Officers and Committees

Sindy Abadie reported from the Faculty awards committee that there was a request to move the dates for the selection of faculty awards. After a discussion it was agreed that the dates would remain the same. Sindy requested assistance in getting three judges for the selection panel.

D. Old Business

Joyce Johnson brought to the floor the question concerning using part of the lounge for an exercise facility. The senate approved the question.

E. New Business

Dr Essex spoke to the senate and took question. His comments began with some remarks concerning the new funding formula and he was very positive saying that Southwest always arose to new challenges. In response to a question concerning the budget he said that the latest number he was working with was a 3% reduction and that this was doable. In regards to the Union parking issue he is working on a parking facility at 678 Beale that should alleviate the parking issue. Dr. Essex also spoke to the issue of faculty pay and said that he was setting aside monies for bonuses and raises but the TBR climate would not approve these at the present time, but as soon as TBR allowed the funds are available. He also spoke to the community college subdivision and he said he envisioned this being positive for three reasons: common courses (in process); 2 year University parallel program and common marketing strategies to sell all TN community colleges as a system. Dr. Bassett responded to the question about increased enrollment with limited space. She said that there was a pilot program to try more Friday, Saturday and

Sunday classes. Also that studies showed that the 7:30 am slot was not being utilized and so there would be an emphasis on this. She also spoke to the faculty lounge issue and said that S. Stephens had staffing problems and that she would check on it, also she would see about getting keypad access to the lounge.

The next meeting will be in the on the Macon campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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Ruthie Couch	(09-11)	jcouch	Mathematics	4608
Michael Scott	(09-11)	mscott	Communications, Graphics and Fine Arts	4535
Rosie Taylor	(10-12)	rdtaylor	Natural Sciences	
Steve Haley	(10-12)	shaley	Social and Behavioral Sciences	5635
Bill Turner	(09-11)	wturner	Mathematics	4254

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Business, Technologies, Education, Allied Health, Nursing				
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Ravi Mehra	(10-12)	rmehra	Business	
Lee Smart	(10-12)	lsmart	Business	5076
Arnitria Taylor	(09-11)	ahawkins	Technologies	4735
Sindy Abadie	(10-12)	csabadie	Business	6021

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- Business
- Technologies
- Nursing
- Allied Health
- Education

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Leslie Peeples	(09-11)	lpeeples	Technologies	4006
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Dale Railston	(09-11)	drailston	Technologies	4160
Ladonna Young	(10-12)		Education	
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Pam Jones	(09-11)	Pljones7	Nursing	5439

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- Languages, and Literature
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Donald Thomas	(10-12)	dlthomas	Natural Science	
Jesse Lipford	(10-12)	jlipford	Social and Behavioral	

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John Prichard	(09-11)	jprichard	Languages& Literature	5645
Jason Whitt	(09-11)	jwhitt	Mathematics	5245