

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Southwest Tennessee Community College  
Macon campus  
September 7, 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 Peoples, Steve Haley, Joyce Johnson, Bill Turner, Cindy Abadie, Jason Jennings, Joan McGrory, John Prichard, Stephen Williams, William Weppner, Ron Gephardt, Michael Scott, Jason Whitt, Ravi Mehra, Delores Boland, Pam Jones, Donald Thomas, Jesse Lipford

The following Senators sent a Proxy:

Jody Couch

The following Senators were absent:

Dale Railston, Mahnaz Ghaffarian, Arnitria Taylor, Ladonna Young

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes

After several corrections, there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes.

C. Reports from Senate Officers and Committees

Joyce Johnson gave an update from the faculty sub council.

- The UT/TBR articulation council is almost finished with the list of about 10 curriculum courses. Chemistry should be at the subcouncil by the Oct. meeting. Music by the end of July There are 6 UT faculty 6 TBR faculty on each team for each discipline.
- There will be a 6% reduction of the base budget
- A supplemental longevity payment of \$50/year of service will occur only if there is an addition of 50 million dollars of revenues approved by the state funding board.
- General assembly will develop a Task Force to look at viability of the Lottery Scholarship Program. View the actual soundness to make sure it can sustain its scholarship positions
- A-100 guidelines were not approved in the Faculty Subcouncil, but did pass the Academic and President sub councils.

Joyce Johnson indicated that the lounge had the new floor installed this summer. The work is at a standstill but should resume shortly and be finished in 2-3 months A discussion item was brought to the floor concerning using part of the lounge (Steve Haley suggested the office area) for an exercise facility. The equipment is available but there is no other location for the equipment. Some senators raised concern about no access to bath/shower facilities as well as access

to the lounge which is sometimes locked. Joyce encourage department reps to poll there faculty on their feeling to use the faculty lounge as a workout space and send the responses to her before the next meeting.

D. Old Business

The SEC has requested the FDEC review the new evaluation system. Some faculty members have voiced their concerns and opinions of the system. .After much discussion Joyce referred this to the FDEC committee, to review the system and provide recommendations to the faculty senate to send to the administration. To gain a consensus of faculty issues with the system, concerns, troubles, and updates; it was requested that department reps gather the specific issues for the committee to address, and submit these to Jason Whitt who is a member of the committee, then he will submit them to the Chair of FDEC, Mahumuda “Annie” Sultana.

E. New Business

Carol Tosh updated the faculty on the new financial aid procedures and enlisted the faculty’s support in submitting LDA’s and utilizing the reinstatement form provided on faculty self serve. Dr. Tosh indicated this revision was to minimize student repayment of financial aid if they never attend class. She took questions on registration. Lee Smart suggested they review purge procedures especially on the weekend. It was suggested the purge could be delayed to give students time to pay or complete financial aid documentation. Dr. Tosh said this was a good idea and would try to implement this by next registration. Dr. Tosh also indicated after several questions that Kathryn Johnson had some assistance funds for those students that need financial support other than financial aide, but stressed the importance of the FASB as the starting point for everything.

The faculty scholarship will be selected by committee which Jason Whitt will serve as chair. Joyce appointed Lee Smart, Sindy Abadie and Steve Williams to serve with Jason to select the recipients.

A discussion ensued about the faculty representation on the senate after the reorganization. It was agreed that this year would stay as is. It was further agreed that this should be the concern of the election committee so that next year’s election would follow the representation in compliance with the bylaws (or revise the bylaws) . The election committee will be chaired by vice president Jason Whitt, and the committee members will be Delores Boland and Donald Thomas. The committee will meet and report to the senate on the best way to resolve the representation issue.

The Macon Parking issue was discussed at length. Lee Smart presented memos from Ron Parr and Stephanie Stevens on the issue. Their plan was to enlarge the Butler building lot until a new lot behind the new building can be completed in early 2011. The faculty senate had two other concerns for the senate to investigate these are: reallocation of the spaces in the existing lot and lighting in the Butler building. Lee agreed to follow up.

The next meeting will be in the on the Union campus. Dr. Essex and Dr. Bassett will be our guest. Make all faculty aware they are welcome to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

## 2010-2011 Senate

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