

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Maxine Smith Campus
December 6, 2011

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Joyce Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Lee Smart, Joyce Johnson, Bill Turner, Jason Whitt, Mahnaz Ghaffarian. Doug Branch, Rosie Taylor, Ravi Mehra, Ladonna Young, Joan McGrory, Steve Haley

The following senators sent proxies:

Sindy Abadie, Karen Pearce, Leslie Peeples, Pam Jones, Donald Thomas

The following Senators were absent:

Michael Scott, Dewey Sykes, Jesse Lipford, John Friedlander, Amy Cox

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

C. Reports from Senate Officers and Committees

Jason Whitt is chair of the faculty scholarship committee with Rosie Taylor and Lee Smart serving. It was reported that Rose Langley had names for selection.

The faculty handbook committee has submitted a draft to Dr. Bassett. The draft is to be presented to the senate for approval at the February meeting.

D. Old Business

The topic of MWF classes was again requested by faculty to be on the senate agenda. After a lengthy discussion it was moved that the faculty senate executive committee draft and deliver to Dr. Essex a resolution expressing the faculty's disapproval of the decision made without faculty input to the MWF scheduling decision. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

E. New Business

Joyce Johnson gave the faculty senate an overview of the Gateway to College grant which would be a partnership with the MCS allowing high school students to take college courses but not as a group, but individually enrolled in classes. Enrollment would be transparent to faculty and although they would be monitored they would be treated as a normal student. This is part of a \$1.65 grant.

Joyce also mentioned the Innovation funds which are available for projects by faculty with \$5000 per project available.

Steve Haley asked the Senate to get a clarification of the sick day policy and what days are credited against sick days and justification. This was referred to the faculty welfare committee to get clarification and advocate for faculty.

The next meeting will be on the Macon campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

2011-2012 Senate

President: Joyce Johnson jdjohnson7@southwest.tn.edu

6057

Division Senators

Division Senators of Arts and Sciences - Five Seats. Language and Literature, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Communications & Graphic and Fine Arts				
Senator	Term	email	Department	Ext.
Karen Pierce	(11-13)	kpierce	Social & Behavioral Sciences	5317
Bill Turner	(11-13)	wturner	Mathematics	4254
Doug Branch	(11-13)	dbranch	Languages and Literature	4483
Rosie Taylor	(10-12)	rdtaylor	Natural Sciences	5225
Steve Haley	(10-12)	shaley	Social and Behavioral Sciences	5635

Division Senators of Career Studies - Five Seats. Business, Technologies, Allied Health, Nursing				
Senator	Term	email	Department	Ext.
Joan McGrory	(11-13)	jmcgrory	Business	4594
Ravi Mehra	(10-12)	rmehra	Business	4326
Lee Smart	(10-12)	lsmart	Business	6045
Dewey Sykes	(11-13)	dsykes	Technologies	4735
Sindy Abadie	(10-12)	csabadie	Business	6021

Department Senators:

Division: Business, Career Studies & Technology

Departments:

- Business
- Technologies
- Nursing
- Allied Health

Senator	Term	email	Department	Ext.
Leslie Peeples	(11-13)	lpeeples	Technologies	4006
Mahnaz Ghaffarian	(11-13)	mghaffarian	Business	4479
	(11-13)			
Amy Cox	(10-12)	acox	Allied Health	5390
Pam Jones	(11-13)	Pljones7	Nursing	5439

Division: Liberal Studies & Education

Departments:

- Languages, and Literature
- Communication and Graphic and Fines Arts
- Social & Behavioral Science
- Mathematics
- Natural Science

Senator	Term	email	Department	Ext.
Michael Scott	(11-13)	mscott	Communications & Arts	4535
Donald Thomas	(10-12)	dlthomas	Natural Science	5223
Jesse Lipford	(10-12)	jlipford	Social and Behavioral Sciences	
John Friedlander	(11-13)	jfriedlander	Languages & Literature	4274
Jason Whitt	(11-13)	jwhitt	Mathematics	5245
Ladonna Young	(11-13)	lyoung	Social and Behavioral Sciences	4160