

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Union Campus
November 1, 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, Pam Jones, Jesse Lipford, Mahnaz Ghaffarian. Doug Branch, Donald Thomas, Leslie Peeples, Rosie Taylor, Karen Perce, John Friedlander, Amy Cox, Ravi Mehra, Ladonna Young, Joan McGrory, Dewey Sykes, Steve Haley

The following senators sent proxies:

Sindy Abadie

The following Senators were absent:

Michael Scott

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

C. Reports from Senate Officers and Committees

Jason Whitt reported on the Senate Sub council meeting October the 14th. The major topics discussed:

- Task Force for Adjunct Faculty will divide into 4 action teams. Each team will be assigned an area to discuss and streamline. The action teams are: definition, compensation, communication and quality teaching.
- Program approval process under review to shorten timeline by removing THEC from the process if an institutions process is approved.
- Common calendar committee to issue calendar on basic dates.
- Additional discussion of what is Academic freedom and Academic dishonesty as it relates to flexibility in grading. Ad Hoc committee will have a conference call to develop wording for the academic dishonesty from input from faculty around the state. TBR's goal is to set a minimum policy with the implication that an individual institutions policy could be more stringent.

D. Old Business

There was no old business.

E. New Business

Joyce introduced Dr. Bassett and Dr. Essex for a discussion on the topics of importance to the faculty. She introduced the discussion by asking to what degree the college is committed to transparency in its decision making and to a culture of shared governance. The President asked if there was any one instance. MWF class schedule was where the discussion began and continued to various topics:

- The President stated that he is and has been opened to having direct conversations with faculty. After listening to the faculty, he felt that maybe the communications between the deans to the faculty levels could improve to help ensure that faculty's voices are heard.
- MWF classes are necessary to meet the college goal of increased enrollment. Dr. Bassett disclosed that the only way to expand during prime time is more classes and the only way for this is more classrooms. To achieve this goal MWF classes would free up 78-79 classrooms. No other expansion alternatives are available.
- Again the topic of the new funding formula was raised. Faculty expressed concern over quantify vs. quality.
- Discussion of the registration and financial aide process ensued. Dr. Essex indicated that this was an administration commitment to improve the process. He is going to make this promise to the students and therefore the faculty for fall that a repeat of this semester will not happen. He and Dr. Bassett indicated that this was a major focus and that teams were formed to revise the processes.
- Faculty made a request for a campus wide organizational chart since the buy outs and reorganization of positions.
- Additional issues that were brought to the attention of the President and Provost, such as dangerous traffic issue at Macon, hiring faculty in tenure track positions and additional faculty members made their points of view towards shared governance.

The next meeting will be on the Macon campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

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