

Faculty Senate Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Cove Campus
MA B 149
November 14, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll
- A. Faculty Senate president Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00. Secretary Doug Branch called the roll:

William Summons, **Senate President**

Division Senators, Arts and Sciences

Doug Branch (17-19) **Secretary**
Bill Hill (16-18)
Daniel Osborne (16 – 18) Absent
Matthew Palotti (16-18)
MaLinda Wade (17-19)
Jerome Wilson (17-19) Absent

Division Senators, Career Studies

Charles (Eddie) Baker (16-18) **Vice-President**
Delores Boland (17-19)
Tim Harrison (16-18) **Parliamentarian**
Thomas Midgley (17-19)

Department Senators

Shilpa Desai (16-18) **Allied Health**
Joanitha Barnes (17-19) **Business and Legal Studies, Treasurer**
Annette Fournet (17-19) **Communications and Fine Arts** Proxy
Tiffany Akin (17-19) **Languages and Literature**
Rosie Taylor (16-18) **Natural Sciences** Absent
Marilyn Wilbourn (16-18) **Nursing**
Frank Daniels (17-19) **Mathematics**
Leslie Peebles (17-19) **Technologies** Absent
Ed Reid (17-19) **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

2. Approval of Minutes

The body approved the minutes from the October, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting. Secretary Doug Branch will ask that those minutes be posted to the website.

3. Reports from Senate Officers and Senate Committees

- A. Bill Summons provided a clarification, which he obtained from the administration, on the difference between Faculty Senate committees and Achieving the Dream committees, which seemed to have a lot of overlap. His understanding is that ATD committees may include many of the same members as Faculty Senate committees and members of the administration, but that the ATD committees, to be dissolved at the end of their work, will not do the regular work of the committees but instead look at processes, including creating process maps.
- B. Dewey Sykes provided a report that composed by committee that explored possible irregularities in recent dean searches. That report included recommendations to give to the senate. The senate voted to receive the report, with the understanding that members would read it, consider it, and vote upon it at our next meeting. Members were encouraged to share the report with faculty members in order to receive wide input for possible alterations.
- C. Eddie Baker reported on the November SEC meeting with Chris Ezell. Eddie reported that Chris is creating a new policy concerning how years of service for faculty members hired on an emergency basis would count when those faculty are considered for promotion. Chris also noted that the school was trying to get away from making many emergency hires, reserving that status for cases of genuine hiring emergencies.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- A. An item of concern was brought to the senate about prayers being offered during faculty events like the faculty awards ceremony. A discussion ensued about the propriety of such prayers.
- B. Another item of concern was addressed regarding a “top down approach” for the advertising of the new Director of the Teaching Academy position.
- C. In accordance with the procedure set out in the senate constitution, the 2017-2018 Promotion and Tenure Committee and Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee was chosen. The following will serve:
Promotion and Tenure: Annette Fournet, Marcia Hunter, Marguerite

Jackson-Jones, Mark Moses, Charles Pender, Rosie Taylor, and Robert Tom. Alternates, Eddie Baker, Megan Murphy, Mary Pratt. Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee: Vicki Armstrong, Victoria Gray, Jason Jennings, Khalil Rassy, Dewey Sykes, Arnitra Taylor, Jason Whitt. Alternates, Lisa Hadley, Judy Hatmaker, Linda Patterson.

6. Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Branch, Faculty Senate Secretary

