

Faculty Senate Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Cove Campus
MA C 179
April 10, 2018

1. Call to Order and Roll

Faculty Senate president Bill Summons brought 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** Absent

Tiffany Akin (17-19) **Languages and Literature**

Rosie Taylor (16-18) **Natural Sciences**

Marilyn Wilbourn (16-18) **Nursing** Absent

Frank Daniels (17-19) **Mathematics**

Leslie Peebles (17-19) **Technologies**

Ed Reid (17-19) **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

2. Approval of Minutes

The body approved the minutes from the March, 2018 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. President Bill Summons reported on the executive committee's regular meeting with Chris Ezell. Items of concern included the following:
 - a. Potholes in the Macon Cove parking lot. Ezell told the committee that bids were out and that the potholes should be fixed soon.
 - b. Complaints about fire drills taking part during labs and tests. Ezell believes that Southwest requires that some drills be unannounced, but he is checking into this.
 - c. Complaints about graduation taking place after the faculty contract date. Ezell said that the administration is aware of and sensitive to widespread unhappiness about this. If faculty members have, for instance, planned a vacation and bought tickets, they should not change plans. Ezell also suggested faculty could cut back on office hours toward the end of the semester to make up for the time that would be spent at graduation.
- B. Doug Branch reported that the committee to create new guidelines for choosing members of the promotion and tenure (and appeals) committees had met and made preliminary suggestions toward a new policy. Those suggestions would be made early next academic year.
- C. Eddie Baker announced results of the election for new senators. The new senators, each serving a two-year term, are, from the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics Division, Bill Hill (re-elected) and Matthew Lexow. From the Business and Technologies Division, Charles (Eddie) Baker (re-elected). From the Health and Natural Sciences, Joyce Johnson. Elected or re-elected department senators include Shilpa Desai, Allied Health; Matthew Palotti, Natural Sciences, and Marilyn Wilbourn, Nursing. Departing senators were thanked for their service. These include Daniel Osborne and Jerome Wilson, from the former Arts and Sciences Division; Tim Harrison, from the former Career Studies Division; and Rosie Taylor, from Natural Sciences. Eddie Baker also announced the re-election, for a two-year term, of Bill Summons as senate president.
- D. Frank Daniels reported that his committee formed to make recommendations concerning faculty involvement in the graduation ceremony had created a proposal for new policies and that his

committee would have a document for our consideration in September.

- E. Joanitha Barnes noted that the Diversity Committee is currently in the process of disseminating a diversity audit.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- A. Eddie Baker held elections for the senate executive committee. The following were elected for one-year terms: Eddie Baker, vice-president; Doug Branch, secretary; Joanitha Barnes, treasurer, and Frank Daniels, Parliamentarian.
- B. Eddie Baker distributed certificates of appreciation to all senators.

- 6. Adjournment, with traditional end-of-year refreshments following, was at 3:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Branch, Faculty Senate Secretary

