

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Southwest Tennessee Community College

Conducted Via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 3 PM

Call to order and roll.

William Summons (20-22) **President**

Division Senators, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics

Doug Branch (19-21) **Secretary**

Annie Sultana (20-22)

Thomas King (19-21)

Ed Reid (20-22)

Melissa Reyna (19-21)

Division Senators, Business and Technologies

Kimberly Taylor (19-21)

Derrick Wheatley (20-22)

Division Senators, Health and Natural Sciences

Shilpa Desai (20-22) **Treasurer**

Joyce Johnson (20-22) **Vice-President**

Delores Thomas-Boland (19-21)

Department Senators

Megan Murphy (20-22) **Allied Health**

Vicki Armstrong (19-21) **Business and Legal Studies**

Annette Fournet (19-21) **Communications and Fine Arts**

Julie Fournier (19-21) **Languages and Literature**

Darrick Slaughter (20-22) **Natural Sciences**

Cetrea Jimerson (20-22) **Nursing**

Frank Daniels (19-21) **Mathematics, Parliamentarian**

Stewart White (19-21) **Technologies**

Darcy Sims (19-21) **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Reading and approval of the September, 2020 minutes

The body approved the minutes from the September, 2020 faculty senate meeting, with a slight correction.

Reports from senate officers and senate committees

- A. Joyce Johnson: Report on regular SEC meeting with Kendricks Hooker, VPAA and Sindy Abadie, Special Assistant to VPAA

Joyce mentioned several issues were addressed in that meeting:

TBR is still reviewing our revised budget plan. We should have a response by the end of the month.

Dr. Hooker was told by the SEC that aware that there are insufficient numbers of tenure track faculty in Allied Health. He promised to look into this issue.

Dr. Hooker noted that the Teaching Academy and Distance Learning would meet with faculty soon to hear concerns.

Dr. Hooker noted that we would have the calendar, as published, for Spring 2021.

Dr. Hooker heard concerns that there was no spring break published in the calendar for either the 13 or 15 week sessions, but he noted that it would not be inappropriate for faculty to take a few days off, if they desired, if they were teaching in a 15 week session.

Old Business

- A. Bill Summons: Revisiting questions about who is welcome to attend faculty senate meetings

We reaffirmed the standing policy that department chairs should not attend faculty senate meetings without a special invitation, as their duties are less than 50% teaching. We reaffirmed also that there are to be no recordings of faculty senate meetings.

- B. Frank Daniels: Reviewing the Faculty Senate constitution

Frank has put together what he believes is the most recent and accurate copy of the constitution and by-laws. It was noted that the word "provost" will appears in the by-laws. The senate agreed that the secretary should send a note to all faculty asking if

there were any objections to, without a formal vote, change the word “provost” to “vice president of academic affairs” wherever the word “provost” occurs. Doug Branch agreed to send an email to all faculty to this effect.

New Business

Bill Summons noted that faculty are still being charged a “campus access fee,” which is really a parking fee, during this time when, because of the campus closures, most faculty are not using the parking lots. Bill’s complaint achieved no resolution.

Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Branch
Faculty Senate Secretary

