

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Southwest Tennessee Community College**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 3:00 PM**  
**Macon Cove Campus, MA A 101**

1. Call to order and roll

Joyce Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00. Doug Branch took the roll.

Joyce Johnson (22-24) **President**

Division Senators, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics

Doug Branch (21-23) **Secretary**

Lake Newton (22-24)

Julie Lester (21-23)

Annie Sultana (22-24)

MaLinda Wade (21-23) (absent)

Division Senators, Business and Technologies

Timothy Harrison (21-23)

Lisa Hadley (22-24)

Division Senators, Health and Natural Sciences

Shilpa Desai (22-24) **Treasurer**

Open Position (22-24)

Rachel “Shelley” Trigg (21-23)

Department Senators

Lindsey Shaidnagle (22-24) Allied Health (absent)

Kimberly Taylor (21-23) Business and Legal Studies (absent)

Tad Lauritzen Wright (21-23) Communications, Graphic and Fine Arts (absent)

Rosalyn Rogers (21-23) Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services (absent)

Shaun Quinn (22-24) EMS

Stewart White (22-24) Engineering Technologies **Vice-President**

Emily Ford (21-23) Languages and Literature **Parliamentarian**

Darrick Slaughter (22-24) Natural Sciences (absent)

Emily Taylor (22-24) Nursing

Khalil Rassy (22-24) Mathematics (absent)

Latorya Parker (21-23) Technologies

Shannon Little (21-23) Social and Behavioral Sciences (proxy)

2. The reading and approval of the minutes.

The body approved the minutes from the November, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting.

3. Introduction of new senate members

Doug Branch: Doug introduced two new senate members who will be completing terms for Derrick Wheatley, who has taken an administrative position and Melissa Reyna, who is no longer with the college. Lisa Hadley will serve as division senator for Business and Technologies, and Julie Fournier will serve as department senator for Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics.

4. Greetings from Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Bonnie Suderman, our new interim VPAA, introduced herself to the senate via TEAMS. She explained that she would be working from her home in California about three weeks per month and from Memphis about one week per month. She stressed the importance of having good working relationships with her faculty colleagues, and explained that her three big goals for her brief period at Southwest would be workforce development and accreditation. She said, too, that we should not be looking for her to institute sweeping changes as she is an interim rather than a permanent VPAA.

5. Reports from senate officers and senate committees

A. Joyce Johnson: Report on regular SEC meeting with Bonnie Suderman, VPAA, and Sindy Abadie, Special Assistant to VPAA.

The discussion focused on a few topics: the usefulness of short term classes, whether there is a movement toward changing to a quarter system, and the faculty evaluation instrument. There was also a discussion about the push to ensure that technical certificates are embedded into AAS degrees, organized so that students could get certificates after just one year. This would necessitate many general education courses being taken in the third or fourth semesters.

Bonnie's responses to questions about short term classes, the quarter system, and faculty evaluations can be found by accessing the link in Appendix A.

B. Tiffany Akin, chair, faculty handbook committee:

Tiffany presented the proposed faculty handbook on which her committee has been working and asked that any editing suggestions be sent to her.

C. Lisa Hadley, chair, faculty development and evaluation committee.

Lisa said that she would have a report concerning the scoring rubric to the senate for our March meeting. For now, everybody should know that faculty and chairs will be using the same metric in May that was used when goals were set in the fall.

D. Thomas King, chair, awards committee

TeKay reported that materials for faculty award nominations arrive to faculty soon. His committee has made the process all electronic, for ease and convenience.

It was moved and approved that TeKay's report be accepted.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

A. Election of new faculty senate officers. Because two of the senate's former officers have left the senate, we elected two new officers. Stewart White will serve as vice-president, and Emily Ford will serve as parliamentarian.

B. Joyce Johnson: Discussion about disability services, issues, and questions

Several questions have arisen about disability services, namely whose responsibility it is to provide learning materials for students who require them. A general sense arose that we should invite the head of the Center for Access, Dee Shannon, to a senate meeting soon.

8. Other

I have been asked to include in the minutes notes from a budget update Joyce Johnson attended with Bonnie Suderman, and notes from the February 2023 president's cabinet meeting, among other items. Those notes can be accessed through the link in Appendix B. .

9. Adjournment

Joyce adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Doug Branch,  
Faculty Senate Secretary

Appendix A

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Appendix B

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