

## Faculty Senate Minutes

April 9, 2010

### I. Call to Order

- Karen Anglin, Faculty Senate President, brought the meeting to order.

### II. Guest speakers

- Mark Workman , Dean of Distance Education, discussed issues related to distance education. Topics included:

- Upgrading to Respondus 4.0
- An Elluminate bridge to eCampus beginning in the fall
- A CPS (clicker) bridge to eCampus beginning in the fall
- Upgrade to Angel 7.4 which will have new grade book features, additional reporting features, and an expanded survey tool
- Treasure Chest User Group
- DE procedures
- DE Standards

-Essie Childers, Achieving the Dream Co-chair, gave the Senate an update on Achieving the Dream progress. She encouraged faculty to join the Achieving the Dream effort and shared the three points of focus for the coming year which will include:

- Student orientation
- Revision of advising procedures
- More summer developmental education offerings

### III. Approval of Minutes from Feb.12, 2010 Meeting

- Minutes were approved

### IV. Committee reports

#### a. Office Hours Committee

-Roxanne Brown reported that three Senate members had met with Dr La Cour and three division chairs to begin to find some common ground on the office hours issue.

#### b. Evaluation Process Committee

- Robert Nelson reported and a discussion ensued regarding the evaluation process committee. The general consensus was that the current evaluation process is ineffective, but no definitive solutions were proposed.

#### c. HB 2504 Committee

- Grady Hendricks reported that the plan to collect the vitae of faculty is already in progress. A discussion ensued regarding the syllabus requirements. It appears that some divisions are being required to include more information on their syllabi than is required by HB 2504. Grady stated that he would make inquiries with Dr. La Cour to find out what level of compliance she required.

#### d. Hiring Committee

-Grady Hendricks reported that Hiring Committee met on March 12<sup>th</sup> with Kris Byboth agreeing to act as interim chair. The committee goal is to ultimately have faculty routinely serve as members of hiring committees. To that end, some topics the committee will be looking at to help them develop a plan are:

- Use the organizational chart to determine which positions would benefit from a faculty member serving on the hiring committee
- Determine what form of committee participation is warranted
- Obtain information from other colleges, AAUP, TCCTA, etc... determine the level of participation of faculty at other institutions

The possibility of combining the Hiring Committee with the Shared Governance Committee will also be explored.

Grady also reported that the Provost Hiring Committee had met to draft a job description for the Provost position.

#### e. Privacy Act

-Jay Nabors reported that the committee had not met, but he encouraged faculty to participate on the eCampus discussion board.

### V. New Proposals and Resolutions

#### a. Shared governance

- Steve Rathbone presented a proposal requesting specific direction from Administrative Council when a proposals made by the Senate are not accepted and moved forward to Executive Council. The direction will then allow the Faculty Senate to address relevant concerns in a timely manner so the issue can advance through the administrative process with fewer delays. The proposal was amended to clarify that we are requesting the direction "in writing" and then passed by the Senate.

#### b. Years of Service

-Jay Nabors presented a proposal for recognizing the years of service Blinn employees have served at the College. A lengthy discussion ensued with faculty expressing different views on the issue. The proposal was not seconded.

### VI. The Adjourn Meeting was adjourned.