

Faculty Senate Minutes

January 12, 2010

I. Call to Order and Presidential Comments (61 faculty attending)

- Karen Anglin, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 pm and reported on the activities of the various committees that she has been assigned to or is working with to address Senate issues. The Academic Standards Committee is refining the faculty evaluation instrument, she is working with administration and human resources to revise the policy related to faculty nonrenewal/dismissal. The dead day issue (related to the calendar committee) has not been resolved.

II. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 13, 2009 Meeting

- Roxanne Brown, Secretary, presented the minutes to the Senate for consideration. A correction was noted (Cheryl Metz was added to the Hiring Committee) and the minutes were subsequently approved.

III. Administrative Council Report

-Grady Hendricks, President-Elect, presented information on the status of proposal that were sent forth to Administrative Council. The signage issue has been partially addressed on the Bryan campus. The banquet room in the Student Center on the Bryan Campus Dr. Pearson will be named in Dr. Pearson's honor to acknowledge her years of service to the college.

The office hours proposal is currently being reviewed by Dr. La Cour and Dr. Brick, but no recommendation or comments have been received.

The Senate proposal regarding renewal/rotation of division chairs was presented to Administrative Council, but it did not act upon the document or move it forward to Executive Council for consideration. They did comment that it might be appropriate for the Academic Standards Committee to look into the issue of how DCs are evaluated.

The Longevity Pay proposal was presented to Administrative Council. This issue was discussed again at the Dec. 16 Administrative Council meeting. HR looked into what other community colleges in the state do with regard to this issue. Dr. Miller reported at the Dec. 16 meeting that our longevity pay ranks 38th out of 50 Texas community colleges surveyed. Administration is still looking at what might be done to address this issue.

IV. Parliamentarian Comments

-Stan Kubicek, Parliamentarian

V. Election of Officers

-Vicki Sharpe, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the committee's recommendation for officer vacancies. Stan Kubicek and Roxanne Brown were automatically elected as parliamentarian and secretary, as they were the sole candidate for each position. The committee recommended two candidates for the president-elect position (Robert Young and Jay Nabors). Each candidate was given time to introduce

themselves and address the Senate. A paper ballot was distributed to the Senate body and after tallying the votes, Jay Nabors was announced as the new president elect. Vicki Sharpe, Max Hibbs, and Darren Pierson served on the Nominating Committee.

VI. Committee reports

a. Hiring Committee

-Kris Byboth, Chair had no news to report.

b. Constitution Committee

-Roxanne Brown, Chair, had no news to report. Karen Anglin pointed out that when the constitution is updated, it needs to complement current Blinn policies (policy dictated that the constitution must be approved by the Executive Council).

c. Faculty Title Committee

– As a result of the Administrative Council meeting, Grady Hendricks reported that there were only minor differences in the version of the Faculty Title proposal approved by the CDC [Council of Divisions] and the Faculty Senate. The Senate voted to approve the version voted on by the CDC, so that administration would know the two bodies were unified on the issue.

VII. Committee Appointments

a. Evaluation Process Committee Members

Robert Nelson
Seema Endley
Kristen Stoley
Vickie Sharpe

b. Parking Committee Members

Melissa McClennan-Davis
Nilsa Perez
John Purcell
Darren Pierson
Punnee Soonthornpoc

VIII. Announcements

- a. The Senate was reminded that each current Senator was responsible for organizing an election for a Senator for next year. If the current Senator fails to hold an election, faculty can form a committee and conduct an election (see constitution for details).
- b. Statistics on eCampus discussions were presented by Kristin Stoley. There has been a significant amount of traffic at the site.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 pm