

Faculty Senate Minutes

November 13, 2009

I. Call to Order and Presidential Comments

-The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with 52 faculty members in attendance. Karen Anglin briefly discussed the nature of the various committees that she has been asked to serve on due to her current role as Faculty Senate President

II. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2009 Meeting

- Minutes from the Sept 11th meeting were approved.

III. Achieving the Dream Update

-Essie Childers, Achieving the Dream Co-Chair, briefly spoke about Achieving the Dream and her role as co-chair of the Core Leadership Team and the mission of the Achieving the Dream Project

IV. Committee Appointments

a. Constitution Committee

- A committee was formed to explore additional modifications to the constitution. Possible modifications to be considered include determining eligibility for Senate membership, allowing for absentee voting, and considering electronic voting via eCampus. Members include: Roxanne Brown, Grady Hendricks, Yvette Janacek, John Purcell, and Gil Schorlemmer

b. Hiring Committee

- A committee was formed to make recommendations regarding the inclusion of faculty members on hiring committees for faculty and administrative positions. Members include: Kris Byboth, Mark Bernier, Lisa Neil, and Lois Brokenborough

V. Proposals

- a. A proposal to acknowledge Dr. Pearson's service to Blinn College by naming the Student Center in her honor was approved to move forward to Administrative Council.
- b. A proposal to honor Dr. Pearson with a commissioned portrait to be placed in a prominent position in a Bryan Campus building was approved. The issue will be forwarded to Administrative Council for further consideration.
- c. A proposal to revise the Office Hours Policy was reviewed by the Senate and approved with minor alterations in wording. The proposal was forwarded on to Administrative Council for further consideration.
- d. The Faculty Title Committee gave a report on the joint committee formed between the Faculty Senate and the CDC. They presented a proposal that the joint bodies had developed. Amendments to the proposal were approved and then the document was approved by the Senate to be forwarded on to Administrative Council.
- e. The Term Limits Committee presented their proposal for faculty consideration. After lengthy discussion the proposal failed to receive adequate votes to move the proposal

forward to Administrative Council. An alternate proposal was presented which also failed to receive adequate votes to move forward. Finally after additional discussion, a simple statement was proposed and approved regarding the Senate's desire for help from administration in forming a joint committee as well as the desire to improve the evaluation process for division chairs before trying to address term limits

V. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.