

**BLINN COLLEGE
COUNCIL OF DIVISIONS
Minutes, Regular Meeting, November 21, 2008
Via Video-Conference**

Present: Bob Brick, Presiding, Marcelo Bussiki, Erika DeYoung, Bill Nix, Blanche Brick, Dustin Hill, Michael Schaefer, Ron Hammond, Nancy Wright, Ken French, Karen May (for Mark Wilkening), Theresa Wahrmond, Linda Flynn, H.F. Poehlmann, Debbi Vavra, Larry Campbell, Randall Hoppens, Rick Church, Mary Barnes-Tilley, Doug Pierce.

Bob Brick called the meeting of the Council of Divisions open at 2:55 pm. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. LaCour made several announcements:

- the Professional Development Committee is nearly out of money. Rather than add more funds to it, the Administration asks that we use the travel money in our budgets first. For example, if a full time instructor is not going to use his/her \$400 travel allowance, this could be used by another full time instructor if the chair approves.
- She also asked that all chairs get in touch with Dr. Barry Wagner immediately to see if anyone in their divisions has not yet trained to make the transition to Angel. Time is running out to do so.
- the faculty will return on Mon., Jan. 12 with a work day in offices; breakfast will be served on all campus. The general meeting will again be on the second day we return (Tuesday, Jan. 13th) on the Bryan Campus. Faculty will receive a letter with details. The Faculty Development Committee has been planning the activities for this day.

Bob Brick announced that the finalized version of the Workload Formula was submitted to the Administrative Council and Executive Council and was approved. Discussion ensued on how the reductions could be used. Dr. LaCour was asked to speak to this and noted that we need to let both HR and her know our plans for using these reductions. She also said these positions do not have to be advertised outside Blinn. Dr. Brick explained how he planned to use his reductions by assigning them to his coordinators.

Bob Brick also noted some of the happenings at the Board meeting in Brenham this past Tuesday:

- Twenty full time positions were approved for the Bryan Campus, eight of which are to be used for the Spring 2009 semester and twelve for the Fall 2009 semester. These positions were justified by the almost 900 increase in students enrolled on this Campus. An increase in enrollment for the Spring 2009 semester over the 2008 Spring semester is also anticipated. It was stated that if the enrollment numbers go down, these numbers might change;
- Blinn College is also negotiating for more space with various public schools in the Bryan area;

- Possible shuttle bus service among the campuses was also discussed as a possibility;
- Everyone was encouraged by the funding number proposed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (\$59,000,000), a significant increase over the \$40,000,000 allotted currently.
- Bob Brick also noted that new construction on the Bryan Campus was planned as well as renovations to the Brenham Campus.

Mary Barnes-Tilley commented that she was glad to hear Dr. Holt is tackling these problems as they come up, including hiring for positions earlier than in the past.

Motion to Adjourn: Michael Schaefer

Second: Ron Hammond

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wright, Secretary