

Collin Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Sept. 10, 2010

I. Call to order

President Raja Khoury called to order the regular meeting of the Collin College Faculty Council at 1:02 PM on Sept. 10, 2010 in the SCC Conference Center.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called and all except one member or their proxies were present and accounted for.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Aug. 20, 2010 meeting were approved with a date correction (Aug. 10 was changed to Aug. 20).

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A) The Cabaret commitment is \$1250.
- B) The total collection to date is \$1657.
- C) The sunshine fund is at \$218.53.
- D) It was moved and seconded that: "The faculty participate in the spring Cabaret with a commitment of \$1250. The total commitment for both the scholarship and Cabaret will be \$2500." The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor with no count of opposed or abstentions.

V. Items of Business

- A) A resolution was moved and seconded that:

WHEREAS, Our national, state, and local economic conditions continue to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS, The State-funded health care program for Texas community college faculty and employees is facing termination by the Texas State legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Collin College Faculty Council hereby commends the Board of Trustees and President for their courage in establishing and annually funding the Reserves for Additional Health Insurance when no other college has taken such action; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Council expresses appreciation for their vision, leadership, and keen support of the faculty.

An amendment was moved and seconded to strike the phrase "when no other college has taken such action." Hearing no objection the amendment was approved.

The motion was approved with 15 votes in favor with no count of opposed or abstentions.

VI. Faculty Council Committee Reports

- A) *College Policy*: The committee announced there is no college policy regarding the use of Facebook in classes due to possible complications of interference with academic freedom. The only policy is that online classes must use Blackboard.
- B) *Faculty Council Procedures and Nominations*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- C) *Teaching and Learning*: The committee announced discussions regarding adding +/- to grades. The committee announced it is not known if our technology would even permit this option.
- D) *Technology*:
 - 1. The committee announced there were serious issues with Blackboard handling the beginning of semester load. A discussion of options ensued.
 - 2. The committee announced that part of the solution is to move Blackboard to new, larger servers requiring Blackboard to be down for a time. However, Collin College is at the stage where Blackboard should always be available. The issue then became the permissible dates to accomplish this move.

It was moved and seconded to: "Begin transferring to new servers on 12/21/2010 and complete work ASAP." The motion was approved with 18 votes in favor with no count of opposed or abstentions.
 - 3. The committee announced that Blackboard 9 will be available summer of 2011 and all online classes will be on Blackboard 9 as of fall 2011.
- E) *Collin Community*: The committee has nothing to report at this time.
- F) *Academic Freedom*: The committee has nothing to report at this time.
- G) *Ad-hoc Committee Studying Terminology of Title*: The Committee announced their progress and the Faculty Council had no objection to indefinite postponement of consideration of this issue.

VII. Updated from College Committees

- A) *ACC*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee has nothing to report at this time.
- B) *COE*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee announced multiyear contract reviews will begin the first week on November.
- C) *CAB*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee announced the committee will meet on Sept. 17, 2010 and otherwise has nothing to report at this time.
- D) *APT*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee has nothing to report at this time.
- E) *SOBI*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee has nothing to report at this time.

VIII. President's Report

- A) APT expressed concerns regarding Faculty Council's postponement of a decision regarding online evaluations. The President presented APT's proposal for continuing the online evaluation pilot program. There were no objections to the APT proposal.
- B) There will be greater encouragement of Service Learning.

- C) The name of the SCC Conference Center was changed to "Living Legends Conference Center."
- D) At a meeting of the NTCCC (North Texas Community College Consortium) meeting, the following were discussed:
 1. The dire budgetary situation was announced.
 2. Regular enrollment and dual credit enrollment is up double digit statewide.
 3. The ERC (Education Research Center) deficit is on the order of millions of dollars.
 4. Partnerships with community colleges and universities are increasing.
 5. More professional development of faculty is being encouraged.
 6. The census date will continue to be relevant.
- E) A recommendation was made that the withdrawal date for summer courses be halfway through the semester.
- F) Collin College's retention rate was 92% and that this was above the state average.
- G) A recommendation was made by the Retention Council that college success classes be required for all first time students.
- H) The Retention Council plans to move to Phase 2, which is an emphasis on retention from semester-to-semester and on core completion.

IX. Old and New business

There was no old or new business.

X. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. It was approved by voice vote without nays. The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jim Sizemore

Preliminary approval of the minutes by: Raja Khoury

Final approval of the minutes on: Friday, October 1, 2010

2010-2011 Scheduled Meetings (lunch at 12:30 PM, RSVP to Mark Clark for lunch, meetings begin at 1 pm):

Date	Place
1-Oct	PRC Event Center
19-Nov	CPC Pike Hall
3-Dec	SCC Conference Center room AB
14-Jan	PRC Event Center
11-Feb	CPC room D106B
25-Mar	SCC Conference Center room AB
15-Apr	PRC Event Center
6-May	SCC Conference Center room AB