

Collin Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Jan. 14, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Raja Khoury called to order the regular meeting of the Collin College Faculty Council at 2:14 PM on Jan. 14, 2011 in the PRC's Event Center.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Dec. 3, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A) \$6027 has been collected which exceeds the \$1250 named scholarship and \$1250 Cabaret fund obligations. The treasurer intends to bring a proposal at a future meeting to address the difference between obligations and collections.
- B) The sunshine fund is at \$218.53.
- C) Support of the Cabaret was promoted.

V. Vice President's Report

The vice president had nothing to report at this time.

VI. Faculty Council Committee Reports

- A) *College Policy*: There was a first reading on three policies. Although there were revisions, they were limited to grammatical changes that did not influence the meaning.
- B) *Procedures*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- C) *Faculty Council Procedures and Nominations*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- D) *Teaching and Learning*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- E) *Technology*:
 - 1. There will be a Blackboard reboot at 5 pm today (Jan. 14, 2011).
 - 2. The plan to pilot Blackboard 9 this summer is on track.
 - 3. The original plan for Blackboard 9 was to host it on Blackboard Corporation's server. This would cost \$500,000 per year and thus Collin College's IT department decided to host Blackboard 9 on Collin College servers. However Blackboard 9 is fully scalable (Blackboard 8 is not) and, therefore, handling a larger load is much simpler; that is, add more servers.
 - 4. There is a plan to hire two people with Blackboard server expertise to facilitate migration to Blackboard 9.
 - 5. It was reported that it is physically impossible to turn on junk email handling in GroupWise for email originating from GroupWise. Other options to handle junk email are being explored.
- F) *Academic Freedom*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.

- G) *Collin Community*: The committee is continuing to work with the Reader's Theater group to host a drive from 3/21 to 3/31 for Operation Once in a Lifetime.

VII. General Education Outcomes (GEO) Forum Report

- A) The forum worked on devising a coherent rationale for core courses. Core courses must meet eight criteria. Core courses must transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. Students who complete the core curriculum (core completers) shall not be required to retake core courses at a Texas public college or university. The laboratory component of core courses shall be face-to-face.
- B) The next big task of the GEO Forum will be to assess whether or not the core curriculum achieves its purpose and assessing student preparation after completion of the core curriculum.
- C) Two skills have been identified as priority skills – communication and critical thinking.
- D) Students who complete the core curriculum will receive a certificate of core completion.

VIII. Updates from College Committees

- A) *COE*:
1. Due to her interim Dean duties at the SCC-VPP office, Kimberly Harris resigned as chair of COE and Wendy Gunderson assumed chair duties.
 2. Elections for COE will be in March 2011.
 3. There are UTD scholarships available for faculty.
- B) *ACC*: The Faculty Council Representative to this committee had nothing to report at this time.
- C) *CAB*:
1. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for courses are on a fast track.
 2. Upcoming discussions by THECB concerning the ACGM will be podcast.
- D) *SOBI*: The Faculty Council Representative to this committee had nothing to report at this time.
- E) *Ad hoc Budget Committee*: Five appointed faculty members of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee will meet on Feb. 16, 2011 with the Confronting Challenges: Establishing Priorities task force. Faculty Council representatives to this committee expressed support for a tuition raise and opposition to a lack of COLA salary adjustments.

IX. President's Report

- A) The president encouraged participation in the Confronting Challenges: Establishing Priorities budget college-wide survey. The survey will be studied by members of the College's Confronting Challenges: Establishing Priorities task force on February 16, 2011.
- B) The president discussed the dire budget situation in the current biennium. Tough measures are expected by the leaders of the college to address the State's appropriations and the State's budget deficit.

X. Old Business

There was no old business.

XI. New Business

- A) A proposal regarding faculty parking was requested.
- B) During faculty development week there are increasing demands on faculty member's time when faculty members need to be focused on preparing for upcoming classes. It was moved and seconded to form an ad hoc committee to study this issue. The motion passed with 16 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed, and no abstentions.

XII. Good of the Order

- A) Collin College students will participate in community college day on Feb. 2 at the state capitol.
- B) The following new full-time faculty position were approved for Fall 2011:
 - **SCC - Biology (A&P)**
 - **PRC - Political Science**
 - **CPC - Biology**
 - **CPC - Psychology**
 - **SCC - English**
 - **SCC - History**
 - **SCC - Mathematics**
 - **SCC - Physics**
- C) ACC is having a bake sale at the Salsa Standoff at SCC. Please support this bake sale.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jim Sizemore
Preliminary review of the minutes by: Raja Khoury
Final approval of the minutes on: February 11, 2011

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

11-Feb	CPC room D106B
25-Mar	SCC Conference Center room AB
8-Apr	PRC Event Center
6-May	SCC Conference Center room AB