

Collin Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

Mar. 25, 2011

I. Call to Order

Vice President Mark Clark called to order the regular meeting of the Collin College Faculty Council at 1:00 PM on Mar. 25, 2011 in the CPC Conference Room.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called and all but one member or their proxies were present and accounted for. The president was also absent and the meeting was chaired by the vice president.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Feb. 11, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A) \$6127 has been collected and another \$300 is expected.
- B) The Sunshine Fund stands at \$218.53.
- C) Cabaret raised \$260,000.

V. Vice President's Report

The vice president chaired the meeting and will present the president's report.

VI. Faculty Council Committee Reports

- A) *College Policy*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- B) *Procedures*: There is one nomination for president and the procedures committee is continuing to conduct the spring elections.
- C) *Teaching and Learning*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- D) *Technology*:
 - 1. The Blackboard servers are being installed.
 - 2. Two new positions will be added to support Blackboard – a systems administrator and Blackboard administrator.
 - 3. The plan remains to fully convert to Blackboard 9 by spring 2012.
 - 4. Sample shells will be available by July 2011.
 - 5. Training on Blackboard 9 will occur during faculty development week.
 - 6. Shells for spring 2012 will be available fall 2011.
 - 7. Only minor adjustments are expected to convert to Blackboard 9.
 - 8. It was recommended that instructors work on spring 2012 online classes during the fall of 2011.
 - 9. It was recommended that instructors take advantage of training opportunities.
 - 10. It was observed that mobile phone use to access Blackboard is increasing.
- E) *Academic Freedom*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- F) *Collin Community*: The committee is partnering with Reader's Theater for "Operation Once in a Lifetime." The committee also plans to send greeting cards to the college's graduates.

G) Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Development Week:

1. The following resolution was introduced at the last meeting: “The Faculty Council feels that faculty development week is important to our faculty, that the proper preparation of our classes at the beginning of each semester is important to our students and thus our core values. We therefore request that our faculty development week be respected and that no activities for faculty be scheduled during that week other than those the faculty may optionally attend.”
2. No feedback on the resolution was received by the committee.
3. It was requested without objection to request feedback on this resolution from all faculty members.

VII. Updates from College Committees

A) *COE:*

1. The council completed reviewing full-time multi-year contract evaluations.
2. There will be a reception for outstanding professor finalists on 4/8.
3. Concern was expressed regarding changes to faculty appraisal procedures.

B) *ACC:* The committee had nothing to report at this time.

C) *CAB:* Concern was expressed regarding dual credit SLOs and faculty are advised that the college will be increasingly accountable to adhere to the ACGM.

D) *SOBI:* The committee had nothing to report at this time.

E) *Ad Hoc Budget Committee:* The preliminary report was presented and discussed and a comprehensive report is forthcoming.

F) *Ad Hoc TCCTA Report:* TCCTA reported current activity is on the TCCTA web site, TCCTA is lobbying the legislature, and various bills were discussed.

VIII. President’s Report – Vice President Reporting

A) Letters to legislators were requested on several issues; however, it was advised to refrain from using college resources.

B) Course banking will be eliminated in its current form.

C) January All-College Day will be eliminated.

D) Class sizes may be increased.

E) Two of the six required office hours may be devoted to tutoring or advising.

F) Property tax revenues are expected to decrease by 1.5%.

G) Out-of-state and out-of-county tuition will increase while in-county tuition remains unchanged.

H) Current legislation regarding guns on campus was discussed. It is intended to form an *ad hoc* committee on this issue should the legislation pass. It was suggested that SOBI and campus police representatives contribute to this committee.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Good of the Order

Earth Day will be celebrated on the PRC campus on Apr. 20 at 1:00 PM.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jim Sizemore

Preliminary review of the minutes by: Raja Khoury

Final approval of the minutes on:

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

25-Mar	SCC Conference Center room AB
8-Apr	PRC Event Center
6-May	SCC Conference Center room AB