

# **Collin Faculty Council Meeting Minutes**

*April 8, 2011*

## **President Israel's Pre-Meeting Address**

President Israel began at 1:10 and concluded at 1:33. He briefly addressed the following:

- A) The status of the gun bill(s) in the legislature
  - 1. Our desire for local control and the TCCTA's position
  - 2. Rep. Taylor's bill focusing on Community College only
- B) Rep. Solomon's bill regarding unfunded mandates
- C) Issues with developing education losing funding
- D) Some things the college is doing to better position itself over the next couple years

## **I. Call to Order**

President Raja Khoury called to order the regular meeting of the Collin College Faculty Council at 1:40 PM on April 8th, 2011 in the PRC Events Center.

## **II. Roll Call**

Roll was called and all but two members or their proxies were present and accounted for.

## **III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the March 25, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

## **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- A) \$300 additional was received and the Foundation is still doing an audit to make sure all monies are reported.
- B) The Sunshine Fund is for the purpose of providing cards for family deaths or faculty illnesses so make sure you provide Paula Miller the names of faculty who have such situations.
- C) A record amount of money was collected this year for Faculty Scholarship. Congratulations were extended to the treasurer who also stated it was the Faculty that was to be congratulated. The treasurer will bring proposals to the May meeting on how to expend all collections prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. A book scholarship is one idea.

## **V. Vice President's Report**

The vice president was absent and no report was presented.

## **VI. Faculty Council Committee Reports**

- A) *College Policy*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- B) *Procedures*: Ballots will go out next week for two weeks and elections for Faculty Council will end Thursday Apr. 21.
- C) *Teaching and Learning*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.
- D) *Technology*: An email was sent regarding workshops for the new Blackboard.
- E) *Academic Freedom*: The committee had nothing to report at this time.

- F) *Collin Community*: Contributions to “Operation Once in a Lifetime” can still be made through Apr. 13 for delivery on Apr. 15.
- G) *Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Development Week*:  
The Faculty feedback was distributed. The president recommended we delay action on this until Fall. A motion was made and seconded to table this issue. The motion to table this was passed with 17 votes in favor with one opposed.

## VII. Updates from College Committees

- A) *COE*:
  1. The reception for faculty-of-the-year candidates was well attended. Congratulations were extended to the nominees and appreciation was extended to those who attended.
  2. COE ballots are out and due Apr. 15.
  3. About \$34,000 remain for travel for this year and there is no indication regarding next year’s budget.
- B) *ACC*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee had nothing to report at this time.
- C) *CAB*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee had nothing to report at this time.
- D) *SOBI*: The committee will meet next week to discuss the issue of guns on campus. The number of SOBI reports is up this year.
- E) *Ad Hoc Budget Committee*: The Faculty Council representative to this committee had nothing to report at this time.

## VIII. President’s Report

- A) The president discussed an email sent earlier in the week.
  1. Faculty evaluations will remain the same, but the COE committee reported that HR is supposed to be asking for ideas on how to improve it.
  2. There will be some minor changes in sabbatical rules.
  3. Course banking will cease, but courses currently banked will be grandfathered.
  4. Wintermester for 2011-2012 is canceled.
  5. Instruction will be expected on the first day of class each semester.
    - i. An advertising campaign will begin soon to inform students and faculty of this.
    - ii. Associate Faculty will need to be properly informed.
  6. The president discussed bill in the legislature.
- B) A preliminary Faculty Handbook is online for review. The final version will be available this summer. It was discussed that it is not on the intranet and the president will inquire regarding this.
- C) There was 166% increase in enrollment in Honors Institute classes.
  1. Contact Professor Michael Rose about offering new classes.
  2. An issue was raised that the enrollment minimum is 15 and enrollment maximum is 19 leading to a high probability that Honors classes won’t make.
  3. The Honors Institute guide will be available digitally this Fall.
  4. The Fall Honors reception will not include a professor’s presentation – just a student one.

**IX. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**X. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XI. Good of the Order**

- A) Earth Day will be celebrated on the PRC campus on Apr. 20 at 1:00 PM with a recycling theme.
- B) The Faculty Council Committee on Teaching and Learning Committee desires feedback on creating an instrument to assess how students benefit from completing the core.

**XII. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Secretary Pro-tem: Bryan Rasmussen  
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):

6-May	SCC Conference Center room AB
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