

## Faculty Council February 15, 2013

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** - All members or their proxies were present.
- III. **Approval of January 2013 Minutes:**  
Motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** No change from last meeting. Amount towards Full Time Faculty Scholarship is \$4,745
- V. **President's Report:** by VP Tiffany Harper
  - Summer II 2013, 2014, and 2015 –Faculty were reminded of the schedule changes discussed at the prior meeting: Summer II, III will end on a Tuesday, instead of the usual Thursday. This change was made to preserve intact faculty's preparation week before the start of the Fall semester.
  - Shared Governance Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Mike Cohick will present this issue at the next Leadership Team meeting and provide an update at the next faculty Council meeting.
  - Upward evaluation status – Tiffany Harper reported that on the previous evening she and Paula Miller met with the three VPP's and Dr. Smith on this topic. At that meeting, the VPP's expressed they do not support upward evaluations and would very much like faculty to reconsider this project and would encourage any alternatives to upward evaluations. They said there are legal concerns and the Faculty Council Executive Committee would not have legal protection should the College be sued for anything said in the upward evaluations. Upward Evaluations are different from student evaluations because the College is not the students' employer. A need to look into whether there is much validity behind this legal concern was expressed. It was also suggested looking into other colleges and how they have gotten around the legal concerns. A discussion ensued regarding faculty's wish to have upward evaluation and the reluctance on the part of administrators. Faculty agreed to wait for a report from a meeting between Mike Cohick and the Leadership Team. A comment was made that the ultimate purpose of the upward evaluation is to help administration accomplish the goal of improving the College's shared governance and communication.  
FC members were encouraged to check with their constituents whether they are fully behind the efforts of pursuing an upward evaluation process. Representatives will report back next month on this.

- **Old Business:**

- Board of Trustees – Faculty Council would like to host a candidate forum for Board candidates. Representatives agreed that it would be a productive endeavor.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Technology** – Elizabeth Pannell: no report.
- **College Policy** – Mary Milford: no report.
- **FC Procedures** – Dan Lipscomb: no report.
- **Teaching/Learning** – Regina Hughes: no report.
- **Collin Community** – Julie Turnbow: no report.
- **Academic Freedom** – Kemal Moula / Tony Howard: no report.

**District Committees:**

- **COE** – Martha Tolleson – Sent out email regarding Outstanding Professor, requesting nominations. We have until March 5<sup>th</sup> to submit nominations. New, simpler, more convenient nomination form now available.  
Travel is estimated to be less than 90,000, still enough to request travel.  
It was confirmed the travel policy still does not allow hotel stays for travel under 50 miles.  
Faculty were reminded that it is a good idea to show up to Board Meetings, to show involvement and remind the Board who we are and what we do. Faculty presence is especially desirable at Boards Meeting when contracts are renewed. Next Board meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.
- **ACC** – Lynn Jones: no report available.
- **CAB** – Tom Ottinger/Judy Wohead – no report available.
- **SOBI** – Lorena Rodriguez: no report.

**New Business:**

Faculty were reminded to submit nominations for Rose Award.

Faculty were reminded that on April 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a SCC event to bring faculty and students together in a social environment. Tony Howard asked that faculty think of ways to generate interest from students and forward the ideas to him.

**Next Meeting:**

March 22, 2013 at SCC Conference Center, 1:00 PM.

**Call for Adjournment**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Approved at 1:55 pm.