

Collin Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2013

I. Call to Order

President Cohick called to order the scheduled regular meeting of the Collin College Faculty Council at 12:55 PM on March 22, 2013.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called and all representatives or their proxy were present and accounted for.

Central Park Representatives

Amina El-Ashmawy (2011-13)

Lorena Rodriguez (2011-13)

Judi Wohead (2012-14)

Tyler Young (2011-13)

Preston Ridge Representatives

Mindi Bailey (2012-14)

Regina Hughes (2012-14)

Bryan Rasmussen (2012-14)

Dawn Richardson (2011-13)

Clint Starr (2011-13)

Spring Creek Representatives

Betsy Brody (2012-14)

Peggy Brown (2011-13)

Chris Grooms (2012-14)

Tony Howard (2012-14)

Paula Miller (2012-14)

Kay Mizell (2012-14)

Sam Tullock (2011-13)

Dean Wallace (2011-13)

Debbie White (2011-13)

III. Approval of February 15, 2013 Minutes

Minutes of the February 15, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed. Paula Miller moved to approve the minutes and Betsy Brody seconded. Unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A) Total collected for full-time faculty-sponsored scholarships is \$4,795.00

V. President's Report

- A) Creating a shared Governance Council: At the Leadership Team meeting, members of the Governance Council were appointed. They are: Colleen Smith, one VPP, one HR person, a dean, and five faculty members on the team. Dr. Smith will be in charge. This council will reopen the hiring procedure through the Shared Governance Committee. Communication will also be addressed by the committee.
- B) Board of Trustees (BOT) Roundtable: At the April Faculty Council meeting at CHEC on the April 19, all the candidates for the Board of Trustees will appear at a roundtable forum for questions posed by the faculty. There are seven candidates for four seats. President Cohick will send out the names and seats for which they are running. Paula Miller will send out invitations to them. She reported that we will invite the current BOT members to have lunch with us. Rather than assign tables, however, Miller is asking for volunteers to accompany the BOT members so that they can sit at tables with faculty members. She asked for volunteers willing to work the lunch.
- C) Leadership Team Proxy Approved: President Cohick got the approval from President Israel for a proxy to the Leadership Team meetings.
- D) Tony Howard reported on the SpringFest celebrating creativity. This will be a campus-wide event, with invitations going out to the other campuses. It will be interactive and will involve all disciplines. It is planned for April 11 of this year, from 12:00PM to 3:00 PM. It is open to all campuses. It will be in the quad or, in case of inclement weather, in the Conference Center.

VI. Old Business

- A) No VPP's roundtable this year:
- B) Faculty Survey of Deans: The upward evaluation is on hold. Legally, the liability issues are threatening, so the survey will be held until all legal issues are reviewed.

VII. Committee Reports

College Policy – Mary Milford: Paid leave has been investigated. However, nothing has been decided yet. Barbara Lusk reported that there is no place to look for the codes the college goes by. The problem: if a faculty member is sick for a long period of time, that faculty member can be dismissed. Our concern is to guard their position against dismissal. The question is about unpaid leave to accommodate the length of time necessary to recover. She asked if the reps could ask constituents if they want to pursue this. Amina El Ashmawy asked for a summary of the method of disbursement. Q: How would insurance be continued while a

person is on unpaid leave? Mary said that we have a sick-leave pool and wondered if that would be in jeopardy if we pursue this. President Cohick answered that discussions with the administration indicated that there would never be a college-wide policy of a set time off; HR would address issues case-by-case. Other colleges have anywhere from zero to six months allowed time for severe illnesses. In some colleges, there is the possibility of case-by-case. Fifty percent have no leave; the other fifty percent have some kind of policy. Q: What kinds of colleges have unpaid leave? A: Both private and public have unpaid leave. The College Policy Committee will send information to Paula Miller for a survey of faculty.

Faculty Council Procedures – Dan Lipscomb: This year FC will move the election of members to a different format. It will be an opt-in ballot to streamline the election. Those of the faculty who want to enter the race for office should submit names; deadline is March 31. The ballot goes out no later than April 7.

Teaching and Learning – Regina Hughes: Deferred report until April meeting.

Technology – Elizabeth Pannell: Has not met this month. Planning on meeting in April. According to the IT committee, the E-mail problem and connectivity issues are still there. Faculty should send e-mails or call about problems to document problems. E-mail at SCC has an old server, so the change will not be made until faculty complain. Contact Help Desk with complaints to document problems with e-mail. Blackboard e-mail will be reviewed to determine the ramifications to the network when changes are made.

If we want Windows 8 on our computer, The college will provide the upgrade if we request it. Q: Can we get an iPhone app for Blackboard. A: Too expensive. We have too many students, making it an expense issue. Negotiations are ongoing about providers. Blackboard on iPhone will send an announcement on the students' phone--much more effective than e-mail. But Elizabeth Panell repeated that it is too expensive. Q: We would like to have our iPhones Novell app friendly. A: No, that is not in the budget. On a different topic: Windows 8 will not be in the classroom.

Collin Community – Julie Turnbow: No report.

Academic Freedom –Kemal Moula/Tony Howard: No report.

VIII. Updates from District Committees

Council on Excellence – Martha Tolleson: The Board Meeting is Tuesday night, so if we are receiving a multi-year contract, we should attend the meeting. We will get an opt-out e-mail from COE next week. President

Cohick added that next year he will urge the president to use FC members more actively. This new approach will aid service opportunities.

All College Council – Lynn Jones: the ACC meeting was scheduled for 3:00 PM (following the FC meeting).

CAB – Judy Wohead: No report. Mike said that CAB will give a ten minute talk to BOD this month. COE will give a talk in April to BOD.

SOBI – Lorena Rodriguez: No report

IX. New Business

President Israel is concerned that we are growing so much that in the future there will not be enough classes in the summer for full time faculty. However, President Cohick checked on the number of classes, and he found that there are plenty of classes available now. He urged the faculty to prioritize; he charged the Academic Freedom Committee to investigate the way to approach this. Professor Howard asked for suggestions in the form of proposals for a priority system. This would challenge the faculty to come up with an answer to the problem of summer classes for full-time faculty.

X. Next Council Meeting – April 19, 2013, at CHEC Board Room, 1:00 PM

XII. Adjournment. President Cohick adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Peggy Brown

Preliminary approval of the minutes by: President Cohick

Final approval of the minutes on: