

## **Faculty Council: October 25, 2013**

The Foundation expressed thanks to Faculty Council

Call to Order: President Tiffany Cartwright called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM

Roll Call: Roll was called and all representatives were accounted for except as noted below.

### CPC:

Will Geisler

Kelley Reynolds

Lorena Rodriguez (absent - Gwen Miller proxy)

Judi Wohead

### PRC:

Mindi Bailey (absent)

Rodney Boyd (absent)

Regina Hughes (absent)

Joan Kennedy (absent)

Bryan Rasmussen

Clint Starr

### SCC:

Betsy Brody

Chris Grooms (absent)

Tony Howard (absent – Mike Cohick proxy)

Joan Jenkins

Barbara Lusk

Marti Miles-Rosenfield (absent)

Paula Miller (absent – Peter Dawson proxy)

Kay Mizell (absent – Kyle Wilkison proxy)

Sam Tullock

Approval of September 2013 Minutes: Minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved as distributed. K. Wilson moved to approve the minutes and M. Cohick seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Starr reported that a total of \$10, 017.16 has been raised for scholarships by the Faculty Council. This does not include money raised from the "Lift Up" campaign. Please continue to contribute.

## Vice-President's Report:

B. Rasmussen reported on the TCCTA meeting. There are many variations of Faculty Councils at state colleges. There are associations, councils, senates – all addressing a wide variety of issues. Most do not have a seat at Leadership Team meetings as Collin FC does. A stronger FC presence is needed at Collin – there is a wider variety of faculty involvement at most institutions. Some schools have a Senate and an Association. Bryan will continue investigating what other institutions are doing regarding upward evaluations.

There was a discussion regarding bringing back upward evaluations as new business.

J. Wohead made a motion that the current FC should continue discussion regarding the intent to pursue upward evaluations.

B. Rasmussen will clarify exactly what resolution was passed by the previous FC and investigate what other institutions are doing. With this information, we can review the specific proposal and amend what has already been passed.

B. Rasmussen recommended that we defer discussion until November. W. Geisler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## President's Report:

1. Please submit any thoughts regarding use of CHEC during afternoon hours.
2. M. Cohick reports that no one has submitted any questions for the VPP's who will be attending the FC meeting in November. Please email all of your questions to him.
3. Are there any volunteers to work on competency based learning objectives for general education courses? Please let Tiffany know.
4. A hiring calendar has been adopted in an attempt to get faculty hired in a more timely manner. So far seems to be working. Faculty will be selected for search committees before the outside posting goes up in order to give faculty a chance for input on what goes into the posting.
5. The college policy concerning weapons on campus has been expanded to include community members.
6. E-cigarettes are not allowed at Collin.

## Old Business:

Prioritizing Summer Assignments: Tony Howard absent

## Committee Reports:

Technology – George Jackson

G. Jackson presented a proposal concerning faculty serving on the OAB.

J. Jenkins made a motion that we accept the following proposal: Faculty serving on OAB and CAB be appointed by Faculty Council under the same rules currently in place with regard to all campuses and disciplines being represented,

and report to faculty all “proposed rulemaking” so that faculty will have an opportunity for comment and appeal to the Faculty Council before such rulemaking is implemented.

Betsy Brody seconded the motion.

The motion passed, 2 were opposed.

FC President will present the proposal to Leadership Team.

College Policy – Barbara Lusk

B. Lusk presented a draft of a survey instrument designed to gauge faculty interest in FC pursuing a Leave Without Pay Policy.

The survey was reviewed by those present.

There was a discussion regarding current policies.

FC previously pursued this subject and were told “no”

W. Geisler made a motion to accept the following portion of the survey:

I support the Faculty Council Leadership renewing their efforts with administration to secure an unpaid leave policy specific to situations where a faculty member has, as a consequence of a very serious illness or injury, exhausted all other leave options offered by the College, and may be faced with the possibility of job termination.

J. Wohead seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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FC Procedures – Dan Lipscomb

D. Lipscomb presented a chart with the FC representation by campus. Everyone agreed the distribution is fine for now.

Teaching/Learning – Regina Hughes – absent

Collin Community – Julie Turnbow – absent

J. Turnbow reported to FC President that there is a Reader’s Theatre in the works for the Spring semester

Academic Freedom – Tony Howard – absent

District Committees:

COE – M. Cohick reported that multi-year contract work was beginning

ACC – Lynn Jones – not in attendance

CAB – Ellen Bell – reported that there were no current proposals.

SOBI – Lorena Rodriguez – absent – no report

New Business:

1. J. Jenkins has had faculty present her with some compensation issues for chairs. An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to look at the issues and make a proposal to FC members. FC President will e-mail potential members. Email her if you are interested on serving on this committee.
2. M. Cohick recommended that FC defer the other New Business items on the agenda until the November meeting.
3. Next meeting will be after the Chili Cook-Off at CPC on November 15th

Call for Adjournment by M. Cohick. C. Starr seconded. All approved. Adjournment at 3:20 PM