

Faculty Council: November 15, 2013

There was a question and answer session with the VP/P's

Call to Order: President Tiffany Cartwright called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM

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

CPC:

Will Geisler

Kelley Reynolds

Lorena Rodriguez (absent – Martha Tolleson proxy)

Judi Wohead

PRC:

Mindi Bailey

Rodney Boyd

Regina Hughes

Joan Kennedy

Bryan Rasmussen

Clint Starr

SCC:

Betsy Brody (present until 2:45, Josh Arduengo proxy)

Chris Grooms

Tony Howard

Joan Jenkins

Barbara Lusk

Marti Miles-Rosenfield (absent – Nancy McGarrity proxy)

Paula Miller

Kay Mizell

Sam Tullock

Approval of October 2013 Minutes: Minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved as distributed. T. Howard moved to approve the minutes and K. Mizell seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Starr reported that a total of \$11,120.00 has been raised for scholarships by the Faculty Council. This does not include spring disbursements or the donation expected from President Israel. Please continue to contribute.

President's Report:

1. E-mail security issue – do not send out your Collin user name and password. Collin will never ask you to send your user name and password in an e-mail.
2. Technology committee proposal next Leadership Team meeting (meeting Monday 11-18-13)

Old Business:

1. Prioritizing Summer Assignments: T. Howard – no report
2. Survey on Deans: FC President T. Cartwright sent out minutes regarding survey/evaluation on Deans (starting May 2012) to all faculty for review. The previous FC actions were reviewed. Texas Colleges that have some form of upward evaluations include: North Central Texas College, Austin Community College, McLennan Community College, Kilgore College, Lone Star College, Victoria Community College, El Paso Community College. Texas Colleges that are considering adopting upward evaluations include: Houston Community College, College of the Mainland, St. Phillips College, Alamo Community College, Odessa Community College, and Wharton County Junior College.

W. Geissler made a motion that FC rescind the January 2013 motion that approved an upward evaluation instrument. B. Rasmussen seconded the motion.

There was a discussion regarding the motion.

A suggestion was made to form a committee to study what other colleges are doing regarding upward evaluations.

Discussion ended when P. Miller called the matter to question.

The motion passed.

FC President T. Cartwright appointed a committee to study upward evaluations. L. Stern and C. Grooms will be on the committee.

There was a discussion regarding the former “faculty advocacy” that existed at Collin. No action was taken, but generally this was considered a good idea.

Committee Reports:

Technology – George Jackson – no current report

College Policy – Larry Stern/Barbara Lusk – no current report

FC Procedures – Dan Lipscomb – no current report

Teaching/Learning – Regina Hughes – online faculty site in progress

Collin Community – Julie Turnbow – meeting later today

Academic Freedom – Tony Howard – no report

District Committees:

COE – MIndi Bailey – COE is working on the peer review process, packets should be forwarded to the VP/P's this coming Friday. Some online students

were contacted to evaluate classes they had dropped – is there a problem if the online evaluations are pushed back one week?

CAB – Ellen Bell – no report

SOBI – no report

ACC – no report

New Business:

1. Do we want to have an Associate Faculty Representative? AF can attend FC meetings – e-mail a reminder. There was a discussion concerning an associate faculty representative. B. Rasmussen made a motion that the idea should be referred to the FC Procedures Committee. R. Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. There was a report from the Chair Compensation Ad Hoc Committee.

The Chair Compensation Committee has three goals they will pursue:

A. Propose an equitable method for deciding the level of compensation for chairs.

B. Write a defense for Level 3 chairs to receive 2 course releases

C. Write a job description for chairs

A survey will be sent out to all chairs regarding their job duties. If you have been a chair in the past and would like to participate, please email Peggy Breedlove.

Also, please send any other concerns that you have regarding chair compensation. We hope to finish by the middle of the spring semester.

Cindy Briggs is helping Peggy.

3. Social Media – Deans have concerns about privacy when faculty are using social media. G. Jackson volunteered the Technology Committee to consider the issue.

4. Campus Reports – should campus reports be a regular agenda item? One representative from each campus could give an update about events and issues. There is concern about “diluting” FC business. FC President T. Cartwright proposed a pilot report for one meeting. She will send out an e-mail for volunteers.

5. Meeting in December? There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 24th, 2014.

Call for Adjournment by T. Howard. R. Boyd seconded. All approved. Adjournment at 3: 30 PM