

Faculty Council: January 24, 2014

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
Judi Wohead

PRC:

Mindi Bailey
Rodney Boyd
Regina Hughes
Joan Kennedy
Bryan Rasmussen
Clint Starr

SCC:

Betsy Brody
Chris Grooms
Tony Howard
Joan Jenkins
Barbara Lusk
Marti Miles-Rosenfield
Paula Miller
Kay Mizell (Peggy Brown – proxy)
Sam Tullock

Approval of November 2013 Minutes: Minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved as distributed. B. Rasmussen moved to approve the minutes and P. Miller seconded. Unanimously approved.

There was a request that minutes be sent by e-mail to campus representatives.

Treasurer's Report: C. Starr reported that a total of \$16,512.08 has been raised for scholarships by the full-time faculty. This is not a reflection of 4th quarter distributions. Official numbers should be available at the end of February. Please continue to contribute.

Presidents Report:

1. Unpaid leave and faculty retention committee: B. Lusk, P. Dawson, L. Stern, and P. Miller will be on this committee
2. Tiffany presented the Technology committee proposal to have FC appoint faculty and chairs of OAB and CAB at the Leadership meeting. The team needs more information regarding the role of OAB before deciding on the proposal. George Jackson will present at the Deans meeting – the information will be passed on.
3. Dr. Israel will attend the February FC meeting (2-14-14 after Soul Food Luncheon at SCC). Please send your questions to Kelley Reynolds kreynolds@collin.edu

Old Business:

1. Prioritizing Summer Assignments: T. Howard – Tony has not received any inquiries
2. Chair Compensation and Responsibilities: P. Miller for P. Breedlove – A survey was sent to chairs – 26 have responded, waiting on 10 – plan to have a report in February

Committee Reports:

Technology – George Jackson – committee has no recommendations regarding social media in the classroom – please send any thoughts or comments. Dual monitors are available to faculty despite rumors.

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

FC Procedures – Dan Lipscomb – not present

Teaching/Learning – Regina Hughes – proposed that 15-20 minutes of the FC lunch be devoted to learning. A specific subject could be presented regarding teaching/pedagogy – “lunch and learn” in either a round table or lecture format. Information would be posted on the Faculty Commons online. This will start in March 2014 – Regina is looking for ideas and presenters – this should improve communication between faculty

Collin Community – Julie Turnbow – meeting 1-31-2014

Academic Freedom – Tony Howard – no report

District Committees:

COE – MIndi Bailey – wanted suggestions on when to hold Board Report workshops. Notified FC that a change in Board Reports had been approved – faculty will be able to prioritize achievements instead of reporting in reverse chronological order. Outstanding Professor nominations will be open soon.

CAB – Ellen Bell – Coordinating Board sent a letter approving the Core except for 2 PE courses. CAB is reviewing a lot of program adjustments due to the anticipated reduction to 60 hours for technical programs.

SOBI – Lorena encouraged faculty to report concerning behavior

ACC – no report

CPC Report – J. Wohead reported that work will start on the new Health Science building in April, estimated completion for Fall 2015. Meetings with the VPP will continue this Spring, Dr. Schuman will send out dates and times by the end of January. The bookstore problems from the fall seem to be resolved.

PRC Report – B. Rasmussen reported that the round table discussions will continue at PRC. There does appear to be improved communication from these meetings. The Social and Behavioral Sciences Division will be hiring a Dean, Wendy Gunderson is serving as interim.

SCC – P. Miller reminded us that the Collin Foundation event will be held 2-22-14, T. Cartwright will coordinate faculty tables. The VPP meetings at SCC were by invitation. P. Miller was able to ask questions at the most recent meeting although time was limited. M. Cohick discussed an issue faculty had experienced on All-College Day. The library building was closed and locked so faculty with offices in this building were unable to return to their offices.

New Business:

1. W. Geisler presented a proposal concerning current overload restrictions. The proposal was followed by a discussion. Several areas are reporting issues due to the new restrictions on how many hours associate faculty can work. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed and will make a recommendation to Faculty Council on this matter. W. Geisler will chair the committee, J. Jenkins and B. Rasmussen will assist.
2. J. Jenkins presented an issue pertaining to faculty that teach large classes. No one seems to know at what number faculty will be paid for 2 sections. There may be a discrepancy with web based classes. The Ad Hoc Committee investigating overloads will review this issue as well.
3. Next Meeting: February 14 at SCC, 1:15 PM after the Soul Food Luncheon.

Call for Adjournment by T. Howard. K. Reynolds seconded. All approved.
Adjournment at 2:28 PM