

Faculty Council: February 14, 2014

Call to Order: President Tiffany Cartwright called the meeting to order at 2:29 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 (absent)
Joan Kennedy
Bryan Rasmussen
Clint Starr

SCC:

Betsy Brody
Chris Grooms
Tony Howard
Joan Jenkins
Barbara Lusk
Marti Miles-Rosenfield
Paula Miller
Kay Mizell
Sam Tullock

Approval of January 2014 Minutes: Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved as distributed. L. Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes and R. Boyd seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: C. Starr reported an account balance in the full-time faculty scholarship fund of \$9,612.76. This is not a complete reflection of 4th quarter distributions. Official numbers should be available at the end of February. Please continue to contribute.

Presidents Report:

No updates on committee work.

Election: Nominations will be open from March 1-31. Dan Lipscomb will be sending out an e-mail. Please consider running. There are openings for President, VP, 2 CPC reps, 2 PRC reps, and 5 SCC reps

Old Business:

1. Prioritizing Summer Assignments: T. Howard – no report – J. Wohead asked about enrollment numbers (per comments made by Dr. Israel) in summer. Tony will gather information.

2. Chair Compensation and Responsibilities: no report

3. Faculty overloads: W. Geisler

There was a discussion regarding the proposal to ask about increasing the number of overloads and discussion of a resolution to decrease the required load to 4 classes and put the max at 7 classes. Will the Board be open to decreasing required load for those that teach Summer II, weekends, or dual credit? Do we support further research into this matter? Some cannot imagine teaching 8 sections and keeping quality. Should we make an informal mention to leadership that faculty would be open to helping with extra sections (due to the bind TRS has put us in). The committee will gather more information and we will discuss in March.

Committee Reports:

Technology – George Jackson – no current report

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

FC Procedures – Dan Lipscomb – reported his findings regarding PT faculty inclusion in Faculty Councils/Senates at other colleges. Findings varied widely. There was a discussion regarding ideas to include PT faculty. Action is postponed until March.

Teaching/Learning – Regina Hughes – not present

Collin Community – Julie Turnbow – reported that the service-oriented group had been very successful with a Reader's Theatre and had been collecting supplies for a cancer support group. There a plans to "adopt" a local nursing home for the Fall.

Academic Freedom – Tony Howard – no report

District Committees:

COE – MIndi Bailey – Outstanding Professor Award nominations are open until 2-28-14. Information will be coming out soon regarding the Board meeting and faculty contract renewals.

ACC – Lynn Jones – not present

CAB – Ellen Bell – no report

SOBI – Lorena Rodriguez – no report – SOBI did not meet due to weather cancelations

CPC Report – J. Wohead – no report

PRC Report – R. Boyd – Levi Bryant has been invited to lecture at OSU. There is an upcoming dance presentation and an art show in the SCC Gallery by PRC faculty. PRC has a new Spanish faculty member.

SCC –B. Brody – reported that the Suburbia Music Festival will impact weekend college. Details will be out soon.

New Business:

1. P. Miller made a motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of faculty lawyers to discuss employment issues (per Cary's suggestion). B. Lusk seconded. Motion passed.
2. B. Lusk will follow up regarding Shared Governance (per Cary's suggestion).
3. Next Meeting: March 21st at CHEC, 1:15 PM

Call for Adjournment by T. Howard. L. Rodriguez seconded. All approved.
Adjournment at 3:42 PM