

Faculty Council Agenda: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 1:00pm

1. Call to Order: Bryan Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 1:15pm

2. Roll Call (21 people)

**Executive Council**

President: Bryan Rasmussen - Present

Vice President: George Jackson - Present

Treasurer: Paula Miller - Present

Secretary: Will Geisler - Present

**Central Park**

Tiffany Cartwright (2014 – 16) - Present

Will Geisler (2013 – 15) - Present

Kelley Reynolds (2013 – 15) - Present

Lorena Rodriguez (2013 – 15) - Present

**Preston Ridge**

Rodney Boyd (2013 – 15) - Present

Regina Hughes (2014 – 16) - Present

Joan Kennedy (2013 – 15) - Present

Nick Morgan (2014 – 16) - Present

Kim Nyman (2014 – 16) - Present

**Spring Creek**

Betsy Brody (2014 – 16) - Present

Peggy Brown (2014 – 16) - Present

Mike Cohick (2014 – 16) - Present

Joan Jenkins (2013 – 15) - Present

Barbara Lusk (2013 – 15) - Present

Marti Miles-Rosenfield (2013 – 15) - Present

Paula Miller (2014 – 16) -- Present

Kay Mizell (2014 – 16) - Absent

Sam Tullock (2013 – 15) - Absent

## **Associate Faculty**

Ashok Kumar - Present

### 3. Welcome to new members, Associate Faculty and Ashok Kumar

- Bryan welcomed the new associate faculty member.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- \$2,525 was collected at All-College Day. 12 scholarships awarded at All-College day. There will be another selection of scholarships during the Spring.

### 5. Vice President's Report – George Jackson

- Welcomed associate faculty to the meeting.
  - We are very pleased to have you as part of this body, **YOUR FACULTY COUNCIL.**
  - We want to encourage you to get involved.
    - There are a number of committees that may need new members.
    - There are many opportunities for service.
- Faculty Council Committees
  - If a committee sounds like one on which you would like to serve, seek out the chair at the end of the meeting and make your interest known.
- Announced the upcoming TCCTA Fall conference for Faculty leaders (Texas Community College Teacher Association) – It will be Friday, 9/26-9/27.
  - Go to [TCCTA.org](http://TCCTA.org) and click on the link to the “Fall Conference for Faculty Leaders.”

### 6. President's Report:

- Bryan mentioned that the faculty council is an important voice at the College and has been increasing in respect and influence at the College. Bryan's goal is to build on past efforts to increase the council's legitimacy and influence.

- You don't have to be a member of faculty council to be on a committee. Requests to be on a faculty council committee should be made to the committee chairs.
- Goal: to make meeting more action-oriented. New proposals or resolutions referred to committees and have them come back with concrete proposals. There is a goal to reduce arguments from the extremes.
- Some good news
  - a. Salary increase
    - i. All faculty are getting 4% raise + \$1,000.
    - ii. Associate faculty rate is being increased 6%.
  - b. Tuition rate was increased. Travel money was increased.
  - c. COAT gave out 12 Scholarships of Assessment
- The president and the Board of Trustees are not happy with faculty breaking of contracts. Hopefully there can be a resolution in the future to address this. Out of 400 full-time faculty, there were 30 faculty who broke their contracts (10% of full-time faculty).
- President Israel will be at the November meeting after the SACS visit.
- There is a Board Candidate Panel in April at Preston Ridge.
- There is a call for questions for the lawyers in Human Resources. These can be questions in hiring, discipline, etc. The deadline for questions is September 15, 2014. Answer will be given at the October meeting.
- Board update and policies
  - a. Another round of new board policies were read at the last Board Meeting (they are posted on the Internet).
  - b. There is one open seat on the Board and someone will be appointed for the seat until the election in May, 2015.
- Internet bandwidth is being increased at the College
- New Census Day rules for on-line classes
  - a. There is a new requirement for certifying rosters for online classes.
- QEP – Advising partnerships
  - a. Advising is the focus of the Quality Enhancement Plan this year for our SACS accreditation.

- There are opportunities for engagement with the Toyota Corporation as their move from California to Texas.
  - a. There will be more opportunities when State Farm comes.
- Consolidating Summer term
  - a. As of now, we have four summer terms; there will be a consolidation into one term (each term will be a part of term).
- Car stickers – new car stickers are available for parking.

## 7. Committee Reports

- Committee on Technology – Andrea Szlachtowski
  - Andrea is looking for committee members. There have been concerns with server capacity and WIFI access. Technology is from monitors, to office computer software. The College received two new 3D printers from a grant.
- Committee on College Policy – Barbara Lusk
  - A proposal is being developed regarding Unpaid Leave
  - There are also proposals being developed regarding faculty resignations.
- Committee Faculty Council Procedures and Nominations – Dan Lipscomb
  - This committee ensures that the Faculty Council Procedures Manual is updated and is responsible for the conduct of elections.
- Committee on Teaching and Learning – Regina Hughes and Mindi Bailey
  - There is a faculty online commons link for faculty to add information for faculty to collaborate.
  - A summer faculty institute is being developed. Ideas for curriculum will be solicited as well as volunteers for presenters. This will also be collaboration with the eCollin Learning Center.
- Committee on Collin In The Community – Julie Turnbow
  - No report
- Committee on Academic Freedom – Tony Howard
  - No report
- Committee on Associate Faculty – Ashok Kumar
  - No report

## 8. District Committees:

- Council on Excellence – Mindi Bailey
  - Get in your paperwork for the TCCTA conference. The COE is adding a seat for Nursing. Travel stipends have been increased to
- All College Council – Will Geisler
  - The All The silent auction raised over \$10,000 for scholarships. We are about to start working the CPC with the "Wild West at Central Park" / chili cook. We will also be holding a pottery and bake sale at that event to raise money for the Holiday Wish Fund.
- CAB – Ellen Bell
  - No report
- SOBI – John Glass
  - Each campus has representatives on campus. There was a change in making referrals to SOBI – there are no longer anonymous referrals. If there is a student code of conduct violation, it will be referred to the Dean's office, at that point the student has certain rights including the right to know who it is that reported the incident.
- COAT – Nicole Grose
  - No report
- There will be
  - Central Park Campus Report
  - Dr. Schuman Provost meeting for faculty at 12:00pm on September 6, 2014
  - Spring Creek Campus Report –
    - Constitution Day is September 17, 2014
  - Preston Ridge Campus Report
    - No Report

## 9. Old Business:

- Technology committee proposal on CAB and OAB
- Chair compensation
  - Peggy Breedlove chair of the ad hoc Committee on Chair Compensation -

10. New Business:

- Marti – There is some discussion happening about administrative withdrawals.

11. Next Meeting: - 1:00pm, 9/26/14 – Collin Higher Education Center

12. Call for Adjournment

- Paula Miller moved to adjourn
  - Peggy Brown seconded