

## Collin College Faculty Council

*October 28, 2017 1:00pm CHECK 139 | Meeting called to order by President Nick Morgan*

### **In Attendance**

Lunch 12:30 PM-New Faculty guests were recognized with a small gift from the Faculty Council Committee for the Common Good. The official meeting began at 1:00.

<b>SPRING CREEK</b>	<b>PRESTON RIDGE</b>	<b>CENTRAL PARK</b>
Doug Boliver (2016-18)	Kat Balch (2016-18) Proxy by Lauryn Angel	Tony Airhart (2017-19)
Peggy Brown (2016-18)	Levi Bryant (2016-18)	Seema Endley (2016-18)
Mike Cohick (2016-18)	Diana Gingo (2017-18) †	Joe Jaynes (2016-18)
Chris Grooms (2017-19)	Kim Nyman (2016-18)	Frank Mayhew (2017-19) Proxy Joan Hunsaker
Tony Howard (2017-19)	Sunita Rangarajan (2017-19)	Toni McMillen (2016-18)
Lynn Jones (2016-18)	Debra St. John (2017-19)	Michael Rose (2017-19) Proxy Sharon Eaves
Tonya McMillion (2017-19)	Andrea Szlachtowski (2017-19)	
Kay Mizell (2017-19)		
Rebecca Orr (2016-18)		
Michael Phillips (2016-18)		
Dean Wallace (2017-19) Proxy by Peter Dawson		
Roger Ward (2017-19)		
<b>DISTRICT ASSOCIATE FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE</b>		
Patricia Coble (2016-18)		

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

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## Board

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**Treasurer's Report:** Operating Budget to date \$5683.40; Sunshine Fund \$310.00. The Check for \$3000.00 from the Plano Balloon Festival for our continued involvement with the In-Touch Half-Marathon will be given at the Board of Trustees meeting in November.

**Vice President's Report:** Faculty Evaluation Committee: There are 16 members and 4 working groups. The committee is also going to be working with COE. Rachel Bzostek will keep us updated as more information is available.

**President's Report:** Nick Morgan thanks the New Faculty for joining our meeting and he is grateful for their presence. He presented the following reports:

Committee of the Whole and Campus Safety Plan: The committee continues to examine the issue of lack of signs on varying campuses. Some door locks have been installed for locking classrooms from the inside. The committee continues to examine modern and practical safety issues and protocols.

Associate Dean's Meeting: The Deans were very happy to speak with Nick Morgan. They discussed the possibility of upward evaluation and how faculty council can help them to identify how to improve the roles of the Deans. Nick Morgan expressed his gratitude for their positive reception of his visit.

SMU Ph. D Program: SMU visited with Nick Morgan and shared Ph.D. information packets and invited the faculty to examine their programs. A discussion of how UTD gets our faculty to attend UTD through providing scholarships was held. Nick Morgan is willing to share this incentive discussion with SMU to foster a similar relationship if possible.

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## Committees

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Technology: Mervat Karout reports that although they do not have the authority to change deadlines, we can help faculty to revise materials as requested for the move to the new faculty websites.

Policy: Debra St. John reports that over 31 university policies were examined for how electronic devices were or were not allowed to be used in college classroom. The committee sent their findings to Kim Davison.

Common Good: Toni McMillen reports that the Common Good created goodie bags for the New Faculty Members. In addition, she notes that we should give Kat Balch a round of applause for fostering a relationship with the Plano Balloon Festival that resulted in them changing their donation to the FC Scholarship fund from \$2000 to \$3000 dollars this year. Also, please remove Kat Balch from your clutter box.

FC Process and Nominations: Dan Lipscomb reports that the committee has decided to wait until February to make recommendations for which areas need more or less Faculty Council representation. This will allow the college and the committee to collect better numbers concerning faculty distribution across campuses.

Teaching and Learning: Tonya McMillion is announced as the new co-chair. No report at this time. However, Nick Morgan recognizes that the committee will be participating in the current Student Handbook Review and will continue planning the Summer Institute.

Academic Freedom: No report.

Associate Faculty: The committee has decided to focus on five areas of concern:

- Training and Professional Development
- Advocate for private consultation areas to work with students
- Assess the need and request for campus-wide associate faculty representation on the Faculty Council
- Continue development of the Associate Faculty Community Online
- Identify common concerns of associate faculty and FT faculty to address collectively (e.g. uniformity in policies and procedures).

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## **District Committee Reports**

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COE—Kimberly Harris reports that COE has \$124,525.00 for faculty professional travel left. Be sure to mark your trips where you are presenting correctly to document the request. This year, 83 multi-year packets have been submitted for review. Also, she reminds us that the sabbatical process is now an opt in or opt out process. Sheri Eadie sent out an email with information about this process.

ACC: Nick Morgan invites us to attend the Wild Wild West celebration at the Central Park Campus on Nov. 2, 2017.

CAB: Gwen Miller reports that if we have any ideas for curriculum changes that we notify CAB as soon as possible. They will be reviewing requests.

COAT: Levi Bryant, No Report.

SOBI: No Report. John Glass will bring us updates on the SOBI at the November meeting.

- Recap of Back to School night – September 9
- Parent Education Programs – Counselors
- Teacher Grants Application Process – Oakdale Schools Foundation

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## **New Business**

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Drop Forms are mentioned in order to examine the wording on the form that allows students to mark what made them drop. One of the boxes allows students to check off an option that states dissatisfied with Collin. Instructors discuss how this may reflect a dissatisfaction with the instructor specifically, and they want to know more about how this data is collected used. As we know, students drop courses for a variety of reasons. The instructors feel this may not be the best way to assess why a student has dropped and may cast a false negative light on the instructor.

Andrea Szlachtowski, our TCCTA Membership Representative, reminds us to attend TCCTA in Frisco from March 1-3 at Embassy Suites. Registration is \$95.00 and additional banquet tickets are \$35.00 for Thursday evening. The conference offers a variety of sessions to attend.

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## **Adjournment**

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**Call to Adjourn at 2:00pm Peggy Brown Motions; Rachel Bzostek Seconds.**

**Minutes taken by:** Toni McMillen

*Approved by Nick Morgan on November 6, 2017*

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## **Next Meeting**

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Friday, Nov. 17, CHEC 107 12:30 Lunch; 1:00 Meeting