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**Collin College Faculty Council**

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*December 7, 1:00, CHEC 107 | Meeting called to order by Vice President Kat Balch*

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Attended: Vice President Kat Balch

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**Representatives**

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<b>McKinney</b>	<b>Frisco</b>	<b>Plano</b>
Tony Airhart (2017-19)	Ellen Bell (2018-19)	Leda Cott (2018-19)
Joan Hunsaker (2017-19)	Debra St. John (2017-19)	Tony Howard (2017-19)
Michael Rose (2017-19)	Sunita Rangarajan (2017-19)	Tonya McMillion (2017-19) Proxy Marta Moore
Seema Endley (2018-20)	Rachel Bzostek (2018-20)	Kay Mizell (2017-19)
Toni McMillen (2018-20)	Diana Gingo (2018-20)	Dean Wallace (2017-19)
Joe Jaynes (2018-20)	Randy Collins (2018-20)	Roger Ward (2017-19)
	Suzanne Jones (2018-20)	Doug Boliver (2018-20)
	Jason Morgan (2018-20)	Bridgette Kirkpatrick (2018-20)
		Marta Moore (2018-20)
		Michael McConachie (2018-20)
		Barbara Stern (2018-20) Proxy Larry Stern
		Stephen Whitley (2018-20) absent
<b>Associate Faculty Representatives</b>		
Susan Owens (2018-20) Proxy: P Coble	Bonnie Ford (2018-20)	John P. Williams (2018-20)

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**Approval of Minutes**

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Motion for Approval Tony Howard; Seconded by Debra St. John

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**Board Reports**

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Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Ford

- Meetings \$4,564.65; General Fund \$960.00; Scholarship FT: TBA; Scholarship PT: \$1,153.94

Vice-President's Report: Kat Balch

- Nick Morgan is serving the college by attending Leadership Frisco.
- Representatives from Faculty Council including Kat Balch and Nick Morgan attended Texas Pathways a program for Texas Community Colleges. Provost Hardesty invited the council members to attend in order to get our faculty more informed about the Pathways program. More invitations like this are to be expected in the future.
- The faculty emeritus program is still being discussed and we should have more information in January. This program is not expected to be limited to one or two people and will have an application process.

President's Report: No Report

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**Committees Standing Ad Hoc Reports:**

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Academic Freedom Embedded Textbooks: Roger Ward

- Committee is discussing embedded textbooks centered around AAUP statement on academic freedom. The committee is working on a statement to address the faculty's right to select books. This statement will be created and brought forth.
- Jerry will send a statement on the removal of literature from the core for the sophomore literature level course.

Academic Ladder: Mike McConachie

- The academic ladder committee will meet with the President Matkin in January to discuss the concerns of the faculty and the faculty.

Associate Faculty Chair: Susan Owens

- The brochure is complete; see the attachment for review.

Chris Grooms Scholarship: Tony Howard

- There is \$3,075 dollars in the scholarship. There is a discussion being held with the siblings about endowing the scholarship at \$25,000. Those interested contributing toward that endowment should contact the foundation.

Committee for the Common Good: Kat Balch and Toni McMillen

- The retiree reception will be at the last meeting in May. The Committee of the Common Good will meet after the next Faculty Council meeting to discuss the retiree reception.

Procedures and Nominations: Dan Lipscomb, No Report

Recognition: Cathy Thurman

- The committee will meet in January.

Policy: Debra St. John, No report

Teaching and Learning: Tonya McMillion, No report

Technology: Mervat Karout

- The college will be updating to Microsoft 2019 for instructors and classrooms.

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## **District Committees:**

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Staff Council: Liz Howard, VP:

- The council presented notes on parking. No response yet.
- The council continues to work on ideas for faculty retention.
- Meals on Wheels will be conducted as done annually. Expect to make and collect donations from mid-January to early in April.

CAB: Gwen Miller, CAB listened to proposals for the following new programs.

- Veterinary Technology program AAS
- Automotive Service and Repair AAS, Cert 1 &2
- Collision Repair AAS, Certificate 1 &2, OSA

COAT: The new COAT co-chair is Neal Alexandrowicz.

COE: Rebecca Orr

- Travel funding is still available. Please complete paperwork as soon as possible.

SOBI: No report.

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## **New Business**

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Sophomore Literature:

There is a concern among several faculty members about the possible elimination of Literature courses at the sophomore level. This concern has been sent to Nick and the intellectual freedom committee. Brenda Kihl hosted a meeting to discuss the rationale for this possible change. Faculty members are concerned that this change will impact the college and the educational experience of students in a negative manner. Others were concerned that the push to increase graduation rates may possibly reduce the rigor of our coursework. A point was made that other courses can also offer critical thinking. The committee is open to inviting Brenda Kihl or Wendy Gunderson to visit the Faculty Council meeting to discuss concerns. Due to the late date of this meeting, Kat Balch encourages attendees to submit individual concerns to Brenda Kihl and to forward concerns to Faculty Council through the [FC@collin.edu](mailto:FC@collin.edu) address. The group discussed creating an exploratory committee to follow this topic and to discuss and examine the reduction of Sophomore requirements, but they decided to wait until Spring when more information would be provided.

Virtual College:

Paula- The new fellows are designed to help identify students who are getting their courses all online. This is possibly for an examination for all online (100% online) programs.

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Meeting Adjourned

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Call to Adjourn: Diana; Michael Seconded

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Next Meeting: Calendar Reminder:

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January 18, 2019 Room 107