

Faculty Senate Agenda
Monday – July 12, 2010
5:15 PM – Food Service

Acceptance of June Faculty Senate Minutes - approved

Reports

- Officer and Committee Reports - *none*
- Presidents Cabinet Report – *Student complaints about vending machine, TSTC using archaic computer operating systems, the prerequisites for academic courses are being determined without relation to the course material or the input from the departments and faculty who actually teach the courses.*

Old Business

- **Annual Faculty Barbeque** – *Wednesday, August 18th @ 5:30*
- Reduction **in Force and Budget** – *see comments below from President Stuckly*
- **Out-dated technology** – *discussion on outdated operating software (Vista, Windows) and antivirus. Questions as to why auto-updates are not a part of our system. NTS is looking into those questions.*
- **Computer Cluster Dress Code** – *TSTC does not have a Faculty Dress Code.*
- **Nine Month Contracts being changed to Twelve Month Contracts** – *There is no change in contract status for faculty only on a case to case basis depending on the needs of the department.*

New Business

- **Credit Award for Assessments and Training (ES 2.10)** – *Guidelines for semester course credit for internal and external assessments and for non-traditional training and experience.*

Guest - Dr. Elton Stuckly (President TSTC - Waco)

- Discussed Legislative Budget cuts for TSTC Waco. \$2.6M x 3 for a total of \$7.8M.
- All educational units are not affected the same. Community Colleges and universities are not required to cut their budgets to the same dollar amount due to their funding based on a tax.
- Discussed other means of funding.
 - Community Colleges have a local tax base that we at TSTC do not have.
 - ATI-type institutions charge a lump sum up front for a 9-month certificate plan with no refunds for those students who do not graduate.
 - TSTC-Waco currently has short-term training in Pearland and looking to continue others as agreements may be made. These types of programs allow for a different funding that may benefit us.
- Various senators expressed concern that faculty had low morale some have voiced that they felt threatened and oppressed. Other faculty members have been told that, "if they get out of line they will be gone". President Stuckly immediately asked to speak to those faculty so that he could understand what department(s) those thoughts were being conveyed. In addition, President Stuckly discussed having lunch with each department so that issues could be brought out in discussions.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Huneke, AUT	Linda Melendez, Pharmacy
Tracy Marshall, ACM	Renelle Gray, TEL
Randall Davis, BET	Sherry Pierce, Computer/Graphics Core
Aniruddh Hathi, CHT	<i>Bob Simonette - Web</i>
David Macik, CMT	Richard Wheet, President
Julian Alfred, DET	John Pedrotti, President-Elect
Carla Cockrell, DMD	Patti Tate, Secretary
Ronnie Parker, DDT	Steve Betros, Treasurer
Bryan Necessary, EPC	Ben Matus, Ombudsman
Abby Lewsader, ENGL	George Wilhite, Parliamentarian
Ron Gwyn, GLM	Steven Moss, Personnel
Ronald Neuman, MCI	Del Bullock, Academic

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Taylor, ADP	Wendell Daunis, MATH
Patricia Kimberley, CNS	Mark Schneider, FSC