

TSTC Waco Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, June 14, 2010

5:15 p.m.

Called to order (5:15PM)

Minutes of May meeting accepted.

REPORTS

Officer and Committee Reports: none

BBQ Committee (Steve Betros) - spent \$2,500 on BBQ, about \$300 left

President's Cabinet - meeting not held.

OLD BUSINESS

Course syllabus format (Steve Betros): Lot of syllabi bounced back. Spoke with to Elton Stuckly and Dr. Conroy about the problem. It is now a moot point since a new program is being developed will have electronic entry that will kick out the syllabus for the faculty.

Annual Faculty BBQ: Last Wednesday of Semester (Aug. 18)

NEW BUSINESS

Reduction in Force and Budget: Question asked about which 17 staff members were released. Richard stated that he did not know. At this point, no faculty has been laid off. Next year', budget has money for overload and adjunct instructors because the Segura plan on value-added funding formula is apparently not going to be adopted, so it will probably be back to contact hours.

MISCELLANEOUS

Steve Betros: President Stuckly stated at a cluster meeting that until systems makes a decision, we do not know what will go on with capping the number of students in classes.

Richard Wheet: Apparently the value added funding formula is gone. We are probably going back to contact hours. The one big college plan for SACS certification is apparently gone. System is apparently still in the process of centralizing the academic and technical aspects of the educational process.

Others:

Evaluations: Any training done for department chairs? Richard indicated that approximately 9 years ago he gave an abbreviated overview of the process but he didn't think the chairs have had any extensive training.

Documentation for exceptional or needs improvement? These items need additional documentation to show why that choice was made.

Student Evaluations: Current done only in fall. Results of computer evaluations seem to take longer than paper evaluations. They do not seem to be a high priority but this should change in the future.

Hybrid: (Not sure what the question was exactly about hybrid, but Richard didn't know and asked the person to send him information in an e-mail.)

Dress code: Discussion on why the computer cluster director was trying to implement a dress code for faculty in those departments. Richard stated the current unwritten standard was what was appropriate for that particular field in industry.

WECM: The courses all have learning outcomes and as long as all the outcomes are covered the courses are transferable. How cover the outcomes is up to the individual instructor and the particular colleges.

Technology: When will we update to current standards instead of 2 or 3 versions back? Who knows?