

Faculty Senate Minutes
Monday – March 11, 2008
5:15 pm - Food Service

ABSENT- Jeff Looper-ACT; Don Birchum-APT; Lee Poehls-AMT; CAA-Jean Norwood; Don Sharp-CMT; Jimmy Summers-CNS; Brenda Niekamp-DAT; Carla Cockrell-DMD; Linda Martin-ECC; Jerome Mendias-IME; Trish Hendrix-NST; Linda Melendez-Phar; Bob Rulmyr-TEL;

Acceptance of January and February Faculty Senate Minutes - accepted

Reports

- Officer Reports - none
- Committee Reports - none
- Fee for Changing Residential Housing Committee – committee was dissolved by the President with the consent of the faculty senate due to inactivity.
- Corporate College Faculty Compensation Committee – Del Bullock spoke about issues with TSTC Corporate College and input from TSTC faculty.

Action: Del will be producing a survey to get feedback from faculty before forming a committee.

- President's Cabinet – the following items were presented for informational purposes and discussion.
 - COP adjunct faculty passed.
 - Issues with DC description
 - Teach
 - DC Hired and fired by VP not TCD
 - TCD runs instead of DC
 - Need to clarify the job of TCD before given authority to do something
 - For TCD appointed DC against – all
 - Want DC to run Department
 - Need to teach
 - Lesson Plans from IDEA center
 - At DC meeting the issue of lesson plan brought up and was floated around. Not an official document – not sure what is going on. There was a different format for lesson plan used last year.

Action - The faculty senate recommends we kill any formal campus wide lesson plan format and use what is appropriate for the departments and courses.

- Sick Leave - cannot compensate for unpaid sick leave
- Use of TSTC Credit Card for department purchases
- COP for involuntary separation - passed
- Status of emergency notification

Old Business

- HR 2.19 – Faculty Contracts – no progress
- Bylaw Amendment – “In order for the Faculty Senate to hold an official business meeting, there must be a quorum of Senators, Officers, and Standing Committee Chairs (these

individuals represent the full Faculty Senate membership). A quorum is whichever is less: at least 50% of the Faculty Senate or 15 Faculty Senate members.”

Action: For all Against: none

- Adjunct Contracts – Proposed COP - based on contract not hourly rate passed by President’s Cabinet

New Business

- Determination of Good Cause for Course Drops – Proposed SOS – distributed
- Involuntary Student Separation/Withdrawal – Proposed COP

Action: There is a need to have the policy reviewed to define who does what. Not sure what the instructor’s role is in one of these situations. Send concerns to Richard Wheat.

- Insurance – Proposed SOS (based on State document-colleges need to protect property because the state does not have money in reserve to replace building).

Action: Approved with four abstentions

- Nomination and Election Committee – appointed George Wilhite chair.

Adjourned 5:54 pm