

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday – November 9, 2009 at 5:15 PM – Food Service

Acceptance of October Faculty Senate Minutes – all approved

Reports

- **Officer and Committee Reports** – Faculty Senate has monies available since Richard Wheet will not be attending the Board of Regents Meeting in West Texas.
- **President Cabinet Report**
Richard Wheet did not attend the meeting whose topic was the new TSTC website. There is a lengthy document that discusses; however, the new website is not currently operating.

Old Business

- **Public Posting of course Information**
- **Database for Online Syllabus and Evaluations**
Due to the new legislative act, we (TSTC) are required to post on our website:
*Course syllabus and associated exercises, tests, etc. In addition, the website must address corrective actions taken by the instructor to update those activities where students did not successfully comprehend the information.
*Faculty Senate was asked identify individuals that had experience with databases and who had instructional background to assist in obtaining the information and determining how these activities could be accomplished.

New Business

- **Follow up on effect of President Stuckly's discussion on professionalism.**
R. Wheet asked if the previous issues that the faculty had voiced concern over professionalism had abated. There were members that intimated these issues had become worse in their area. R. Wheet to discuss with them individually.
- **Committee for Sabbatical Policy**
Since no one had responded to the request to participate, Steve Moss was assigned, by R. Wheet, to work with Todd Ewing on this new policy.
- **New Direction of Systems. LEAP is now discontinued.**
TSTC Systems has created a new paradigm that replaces previous models. Ron Sanders will discuss future issues on this subject.
- **Due Process for Faculty**
Faculty has the right to due process in the event of disagreements in their jobs duties. Faculty has the right to the Faculty Senate Ombudsman (Ben Matus). ***Faculty voiced concern that the Ombudsman Faculty Senate representative should not be out of the same Cluster as the faculty member who is having issues.***
- **Database for online Syllabus and Evaluations...discussed above.**
- **Faculty Evaluations**
This topic concerns 360 evaluations that were charged by Ron Sanders at the Harlingen campus; however, they have not supplied any further information. R. Wheet asked if the Faculty Senate wanted to continue to pursue. The majority of faculty agreed that these evaluations should move forward. R. Wheet appointed George

Wilhite to work with the Administration to create a document that would be conducive to this process.

- **Truancy Report for MyLearning**

R. Wheet mentioned that faculty that had not accessed MyLearning since 10/15/09, were required to explain to the Cluster Directors through their Department Chairs why actions such as access the site of their classes have not occurred.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded, with full Faculty approval.