

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday – October 12, 2009 at 5:15 PM – Food Service

Acceptance of September Faculty Senate Minutes – all approved

Reports

- **Officer and Committee Reports** - none
- **President Cabinet Report**

Richard Wheet reported on various items presented at the President's Cabinet meeting:

- Website project - no report.
- House Bill 4189 Meningitis vaccinations required for all students that are housed in Dorms, Apartments, etc., ten days prior to being accepted.
- High Speed Rail discussed, but slated for 2030; therefore, irrelevant at this time.
- Chancellor's 2010 Excellence Awards will be awarded in the near future.
- Ron Sanders discussed that adjuncts will not be paid for office hours but will be paid by course(s) taught only (according to the COP written by the faculty senate and approved by the faculty senate).

Old Business

- **Professional Development Day**
 - Richard Wheet announced that he had not heard any negative comments. Discussion ensued that the faculty believed that we were no longer going to have those group meetings where we were lectured to and awards given as with the Ron Sanders Plenary address. Faculty PDD Committee members reported that they were not given an choice and that Ron wanted to have 45 minutes to discuss several items dealing with general topics. Henceforth, the PDD committee must make sure that the schedule is held to and not overridden by the administration during PDD.
- **\$10 million Campus Improvement Grant**
 - These monies were slated for Baylor from the Texas Legislature for workforce development of the General Tire building. Monies went from the State of Texas, passed through us for maybe a day and directly on to Baylor. TSTC may receive some small space once the building is complete.
- **Overload and Students** – See **New Business** below **Campus Meeting (10/22/09)**. Encourage ALL Faculty, DCs, Cluster Chairs to attend.

Richard Wheet reported that the items that Faculty had brought to his attention was brought to President Stuckly's attention via Faculty Executive Committee meeting and will be addressed in the 10/22/09 meeting.
- **Faculty Treated as Hourly and not Professionally** – See above.
- **IT Integration – same song different player**

Systems to take over IT. (See e-mail info below)

The new system-wide IT Integration Team will be on campus to meet with faculty, staff and students on Wednesday, Oct. 14 in the IDEAS Center. The team will meet with students from 1 to 2 p.m., faculty/staff from 2 to 3 p.m. and department chairs from 3 to 4 p.m.

New Business

- **Public Posting of Course Information – cluster directors will select team**
Cluster Directors will make the decision of who will be on the team to decide how to complete the Coordinating Board requirements for posting information for Syllabus, Exercises, Budget information, etc that is due August 2010.
- **Campus Meeting (10/22/09) –** President Stuckly will address professionalism toward faculty on the Waco campus. All faculty should definitely attend since it is favorable to them. PLEASE ATTEND
- **Policy for Investments (FA 2.3)** All yes – one abstained
- **Bottom Up Evaluations - 360°**
Last year, Ron Sanders, when approached with using 360° evaluations (evaluating your superiors), decided that the Harlingen Campus would take the lead on setting how this would be accomplished. Harlingen has not made any progress. Faculty senators unanimously voted that we should go forward in this evaluation process.
- **Moodle** - If you are using Moodle for your course, you do not have to use Blackboard (MyLearning). A discussion ensued as to switching information from Blackboard to Moodle and the required software needed. Faculty will depend on our Moodle representatives to guide us in this endeavor.
- **COP 2.38 Vacation Leave** – this COP is in line with State vacation hour accruals Unanimously approved by the faculty senate.
- **COP 7.40 Office Hour/Course Compensation for Adjuncts** (see President's Cabinet Report) - Unanimously approved by the faculty senate.

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