

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2008

Present: Mitch Fischer, Barbara Connell, Elizabeth Haynes, Ron Poor, Connie Gregory, Randy McCall, Wanda Morris, Mary Bradley

President Mitch Fischer called the meeting of the faculty senate to order at 2:07 pm. President Fischer opened the meeting by asking those present what amount knowledge they had about the Jackson County Early College (JCEC). There was a brief discussion of the mission of the early college, how and when it came about and the perception of the early college. It was a consensus that President Fischer should ask for more dialogue between JCEC and SCC faculty.

Workload Revisions for Curriculum Faculty

There was a brief discussion of the revision of the workload policy to reflect the change to the four-day workweek. This is based on the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday scheduling format.

Enrollment Data

FTE for fall 2008 is 2,323, up 69 from the previous year.

Budget Cuts

The state has already rescinded 2% from the budget and has requested another 2% be held in reserve. The college is in a wait and see mode relative to the rest of the funds. Monies based on performance measures were unclear. There was a brief discussion about the budget that followed.

Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

SCC has exceeded the 2008 benchmarks in almost all areas. Particularly impressive were areas where students interacted with faculty. There was a brief discussion that followed about faculty and student interaction.

Registration Changes

There was a discussion about registration changes during early registration, registration day and during the drop/add period. During the early registration period, it is not necessary to have a hard copy of student registration forms. After the first day of class however, it is necessary to have a paper copy and follow the necessary channels to the registrar's office. There was also a discussion about some minor changes in course classifications that was related in an e-mail sent to faculty by Dean Putman.

Student Recognition

There has been a proposal to have faculty vote for "Student of the Year" within each of the three divisions, to be selected by a committee of faculty in that area. The selection would be based on an application process and a recommendation from the student's instructor(s). The student would receive a plaque at graduation. During the discussion among those present it was noted that there are several honor societies (PTK, NTHS) that

already recognize student achievement and that distinguishing one student would become a popularity contest and be more divisive than anything else. There was a unanimous vote in opposition to this proposal.

Academic Rank

There was a discussion of pursuing the possibility of creating a system of academic rank if the majority of faculty is interested. A subcommittee will explore and create a simple, concise proposal. The subcommittee will consist of Ron Poor, Mitch Fischer, Wilda Walker and another faculty member from Arts and Sciences. Mary Bradley will relate to President Fischer which faculty member is interested in serving on this committee.

Faculty/Staff Web Site

There was a discussion of having a Faculty/ Staff web site that could be used to post meetings, announcements etc. specifically for faculty and staff at SCC. Dr. Elizabeth Haynes agreed to lead that project and any ideas or suggestions may be sent to her.

Being no other items for discussion, a motion and second was heard to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary