



## Faculty Senate Minutes

The Faculty Senate met on August 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradford Hall Conference Center.

### Members Attending:

Sarah Altman	Bob Harrison	Roger Stephens
Tracy Chapple	Sharon Hatfield	Terry Tolle
Ceretta Davis	Wanda Morris	Kathie Wise
Sherry Floerchinger	Tim Quiring	Doug Ward
Owen Gibby	Sharon Ridley	Paul Wolf
Allan Grant	Lisa Shearer	

**Others in Attendance:** Jason Jackson (part-time instructor).

### 2002-2003 Senators:

Arts and Sciences	Allan Grant (President) Owen Gibby (Secretary/Treasurer) Tracy Chapple Terry Tolle
Career Technologies	Roger Stephens (Vice-President) Ceretta Davis Doug Ward (One vacancy)
Health Sciences	Sharon Hatfield Lisa Shearer Kathie Wise (One vacancy)
Academic Support	Sharon Ridley
Executive Council	Allan Grant Roger Stephens Owen Gibby Terry Tolle Kathie Wise (One vacancy)

Faculty Senate developed a positive working relationship with Instructional Administration last year. The Senate wishes to recognize the efforts and contributions of Roger Stephens, 2001-2002 Senate President, and members of Instructional Administration: Gene Couch, Thom Brooks, Chris Cox, Debra Klavohn, and Barbara Putman.

Following is a list of agenda items and discussion:

- 1. Faculty Senate Membership-** Adjuncts and Continuing Education  
  
Faculty- The Senate discussed the possibility of allowing part-time and continuing education instructors to serve on Faculty Senate. An informal vote favored inclusion of these instructional groups in the senate. Senators will continue this dialogue with faculty, and the issue will be voted on formally at the next meeting.
- 2. Faculty Senate Constitution-** The Senate will form another

subcommittee this year to revise the constitution, which can be accessed at

<http://www.southwesterncc.edu/facsenate/constitution.htm>

The Senate encourages input from the faculty in this process.

3. **Instructional Titles-** The issue of faculty titles was discussed. Is "instructor" adequate? Or, would other alternatives, such as "professor," be more definitive and in some cases, more appropriate? Senators should also discuss this issue with colleagues.
4. **Academic Performance of Students in a Culturally Diverse Environment-** As SCC becomes more diverse, issues involving cultural and linguistic barriers for some students may be important ones. Cherokee students, for example, comprise a significant segment of the college population. Do differences in culture and language represent major impediments to academic success for some students? Should we further explore this issue? The Senate requests faculty input.
5. **Faculty Center-** To achieve a greater sense of community among colleagues, the Senate would like to explore the possibility of space being granted for a general faculty center on campus, even if the space is small. The Senate recognizes current space restrictions, but requests future considerations.
6. **Reduction in Load for Faculty Senate President-** A course reduction for President of Faculty Senate is currently not an option, but if future budgets are more favorable, the Senate would like to pursue the possibility.
7. **Title III Grants-** Some Title III funds may still be available. Monies must be spent by September 30.
8. **Evaluations of Supervisors-** Currently no process is conducted for evaluation of supervisors. Should such an instrument be used as a part of the evaluation process at SCC? Senators should discuss this issue with their respective divisions.

Once again, the Senate requests input, participation from the faculty. The 2002-03 year can be a productive one. Please support your Faculty Senate!

Next Meeting: TBA

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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