

Southwestern Community College
Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Meeting March 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Cox at 2:00 p.m. on March 17, 2005.

1. Professional Development

Issues of concern to members present regarding professional development were discussed. Faculty Senate would like to make the following suggestions:

- A. Instructional Administrators avoid a “point system” across the board since the three divisions have different needs.
- B. Explore options for providing additional funding for faculty who are required to participate in continuing education to maintain licensure.
- C. It is important that faculty become proactive concerning professional development and times and subjects of future TLCs.

A motion was made by Ron Poor and seconded by Linda Talbott that President Cox is to carry forward our concerns to Instructional Administration. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Calendar

This year the college’s official calendar was created without faculty participation. What happened to the Calendar Committee? Ron Poor moved and Allan Grant seconded a motion that faculty once again be allowed to participate in decisions regarding the college calendar. The motion carried.

3. Network Management Software:

Faculty would like more information regarding remote access to our computers. It appears that computers are monitored without notification. After discussion, a motion was made by Linda Talbott and seconded by Ron Poor that we ask for a TLC where faculty can seek clarification of privacy rules. The motion carried.

4. Diversion of Funds

There are several questions regarding diversion of funds that are still unanswered. Last semester, Janet Burnette offered a follow-up question and answer session with faculty regarding these questions. Faculty agreed that this could become a topic for a TLC. Connie Gregory moved and Allan Grant seconded the motion that we request this TLC. The motion carried.

5. Health Insurance

Faculty present agreed that there has been a steady erosion of our benefits as state employees. Are there any steps we can take to address this issue?

Faculty Senate would welcome ideas from anyone interested in this issue.

6. Parking

It has become apparent that students are increasingly parking in the faculty and staff lots. Questions were raised about the enforcement of parking regulations and the effectiveness of enforcement efforts to deter students from improperly parking. Faculty expressed an interest in hearing from the human resources manager concerning this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Talbott, Secretary