

Faculty Senate Meeting
November 7, 2005

Faculty Present: Linda Talbott, Randy McCall, Terri McQuiddy, Tracy Chapple, Carolyn Porter, Duane Wesolick, Peter Messier, Owen Gibby, Chris Cox, Kurt Berger, Allan Grant, Wilda Walker, Toni Knott, Scott Baker, Hilary Seagle, Penny Wells

Agenda:

Professional Development Q&A – Dr. Gene Couch
Email & Internet Problems – David Kochersberger
Recruiting
Professional Development Form Revision – Allan Grant
Part-time Faculty Proposal – Allan Grant

President Linda Talbott opened the meeting at 2:30 pm with a welcome to everyone and an announcement from Laura Pennington about applying for the Bellwether Award.

Professional Development Q&A – Dr. Gene Couch

The floor was given to Dr. Couch for questions about the professional development form. There was a lengthy, detailed and sometimes rather pointed discussion about the professional development form required for all full time faculty. Dr. Couch began the discussion by stating how the professional development form came about and reminded those present that when the faculty was asked for input, he received only one response. Dr. Couch also stressed the fact that this is a pilot program and is open to suggestions about revisions and improvement. He also stated that this is not a SACS driven initiative, but a way for the college to appreciate faculty development and provide clarification of expectations. Most of the faculty present at some point expressed their opinions and concerns, both positive and negative. At the end of the Q&A session, Dr. Couch asked each faculty member present to give their own assessment of the professional development form on a numerical scale of 0 – 10 (zero being the lowest score). Responses varied from 3 to 9.5. Dr. Couch ended the session repeating that the administration is open to suggestions and improvements and would like to hear from the faculty relative to this issue.

Internet and Email Problems – David Kochersberger

David Kochersberger came to the meeting to answer questions about the problems faculty and students are having with email. Email from student to instructors (and vice versa) was not getting through the spam filter. David opened his discussion with an apology for missing the last meeting because of family related health problems. He explained what the reasons for the problems were and what was being done to resolve them. He also said that budgetary reasons prohibited some things from being accomplished. David gave a detailed description of the internet issue and why the internet has been slow, as well as possible solutions and why each would or would not work (again budgetary concerns

came into play.) He said that if anyone needed any type of help with these issues to contact him.

The other items (Recruiting, Professional Development Form Revision and the Part-time Faculty Proposal) will be added to the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting, which will be Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 2:00 pm in Founders Hall room 133.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary