

Faculty Senate Meeting
August 15, 2006

Faculty Present:

Wanda Morris, Hilary Seagle, Kim Argo, Terri McQuiddy, Tony Belcher, Tracy Chapple, Penny Wells, Randy McCall, Connie Gregory, Debbie Ray, Ron Poor, Michael Deaver, Ceretta Davis, Wilda Walker, Sheri Turk, Mary Bradley, Toni Knott, Allan Grant, Peter Messier, Rudy Beharrysingh

Faculty Senate Officers:

Rudy Beharrysingh, President
Ron Poor, Vice President
Randy McCall, Secretary

Divisional senators are as follows:

Career Technologies: Wanda Morris, Wilda Walker, Connie Gregory

Arts and Sciences: Tracy Chapple, Mary Bradley

Health Sciences: Kim Argo, Terri McQuiddy, Tony Belcher, Penny Wells.

President Rudy Beharrysingh called the first meeting of the faculty senate for the academic year 2006-2007 to order at 3:00 pm on August 15, 2006.

The first item on the agenda was the faculty senate appointment of members to various college committees. The appointments are as follows:

Advising	Wilda Walker
Commencement	Hilary Seagle
Curriculum and Instruction	Wanda Morris
Ethnic/Gender Diversity	Terri McQuiddy
Global Education	Toni Knott
Health and Safety	Connie Gregory
Institutional Effectiveness	Allan Grant
Professional Development	Debbie Ray
Retention	Ceretta Davis
Technology	Michael Deaver
Wellness	Ron Poor

There was a discussion of putting all approved textbooks on the SCC website. A formal resolution was developed to state

“All approved textbooks be listed on the SCC website with ISBN number and be listed by course and section number.”

A motion to accept this resolution was given by Ron Poor and Tony Belcher gave a second. Resolution passed by unanimous vote of the faculty senate.

Macon Campus

There was a discussion of issues relating to the development of the Macon Campus. The faculty felt that there should be more input from full time faculty as these decisions will eventually affect all faculties. Another resolution from the faculty senate will be taken by President Beharrysingh to IA that states:

“In order to ensure academic integrity and quality of education, SCC full time faculty must be involved in current and proposed expansion decisions and initiatives such as the Early College Initiative, Distance Learning Initiatives, Macon campus development and proposed expansion of the Jackson Campus.”

A motion to accept this resolution was given by Terri McQuiddy and seconded by Tony Belcher. The resolution passed by unanimous vote of the senate.

Distance Learning

There were some issues and concerns voiced about Distance Learning. The senate decided to let President Beharrysingh voice concerns to IA and let the minutes of the faculty senate meeting reflect those concerns. The issue of Distance Learning will be tabled for discussion again at the next faculty senate meeting. Some of the areas of concern were:

- * Residency: What percentage of a degree can be earned online?
- * What exceptions would be made? (Ex. Agreements with other institutions.)
- * Should there be a comprehensive examination at the end of each online class, in either traditional fashion or proctored?
- * How do instructors get a true assessment of learning taken place from online classes?
- * Will the amount of distance learning compromise the value of the education received?

Tony Belcher, Wilda Walker and Mary Bradley will represent each of their respective divisions on the Executive Committee.

Once again there was a brief discussion about the e-mail problem concerning all of the junk e-mail. President Beharrysingh will once again express concerns to the IT department.

The date and time for the next meeting of the faculty senate will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall
Faculty Senate Secretary