

Faculty Senate Meeting
October 24, 2007
Minutes

Faculty Present: Scott Cline, Scott Baker, Kurt Berger, Allan Grant, Gene Norton, Wilda Walker, Carolyn Porter, Sheri Turk, Bob Holt, Tony Belcher, Dianne English, Ron Poor, Michael Deaver, Connie Gregory, Randy McCall

Call to Order

President Scott Cline called the meeting of the faculty senate to order at 2:00 pm.

ISSA and Business Office Feedback:

President Cline reported feedback from Instructional Administration concerning issues from the last senate meeting. He reported that the IA Group looked at area community colleges and WCU to see how long their Fall Breaks are. We seem to be falling right in line with what a majority of them are doing.

He reported that he had met with Janet Burnette concerning longevity pay and reallocation of monies designated for faculty salaries. The senate also reviewed a comparison of salaries nationally to SCC and other community colleges.

President Cline reported that IA had made acknowledgement of faculty to have fewer meetings the last two weeks of the semester. He noted that this was considered when meetings were planned for the end of this semester. As of now, all meetings for the end of this semester do not fall within the last two weeks of the semester. He also discussed feedback on professional development day. There was then a brief discussion about construction of new buildings on the Jackson campus and the Early College on both Jackson and Macon campuses.

Committee Reports:

- Out of all the committees that Faculty Senate representatives are on, only one committee has actually met.
- Allan Grant reported the following information from the President's Council:
 - Long range planning initiatives by January.
 - Survey responses from faculty indicate not enough space for growth in maximum growth programs.
 - New Programs – Early College
Horticulture and Landscaping
 - Dept of Transportation vacating current location
 - Meetings for long range planning taking place in November
 - Statistics for growth
 - Building construction- Meetings are taking place, if you have questions or needs, see the Deans for your division.

5 Point Grading Scale:

There was a brief discussion about a five point grading scale. Several items for discussion were: What are other colleges doing?

 Will there be issues with Datatel/Colleague

President Cline said he would investigate further and report back at a future meeting.

Local Supplement:

There was a discussion of Administration approaching county commissioners in the college's service area for a local supplement, emphasizing the recognition of the college as 4th in the nation. It was pointed out that 4 or 5 colleges get local supplements. There was a brief discussion about how much is a reasonable supplement and what other community colleges are receiving. It was proposed, and approved by the senate, to support the administration in moving ahead in some fashion with this initiative.

Office space (Macon Campus)

Several issues were put on the floor about the Macon Campus.

1. Not enough office space for faculty. Several faculty members share one office, computer and phone/voice mail.
2. There is an immediate need to address these issues because of the fact it is not conducive to attracting anyone to teach on the Macon Campus.
3. Privacy issues (sharing computer, phone/voice mail)
4. There was also discussion that there might be room for cubicles to be put in.

President Cline will move forward with these concerns to Instructional Administration.

Designated Computers For Technology Enhanced Office Hours in Franklin:

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of students in Franklin meeting with instructors in Sylva via web-cams. The faculty supported an initiative to have 2 web-cams and 2 headsets available for students to checkout at the front desk at the Macon campus.

Book Rental Program:

There was a discussion of possibly implementing a book rental program. Conversations will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. The faculty present also brought up a couple of other questions about rental fees, current markup of books, having books available when needed, and the bookstore buy back policies.

President Cline will move forward to Instructional Administration with regard to the Book Rental Program as well as the other issues with the bookstore.

Dates for the Spring Meetings were set. They will be:

- Thursday, January 24th – 2:00
- Wednesday, February 27th – 2:00
- Thursday, March 27th – 2:00
- Wednesday, April 23rd – 2:00

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy McCall, Secretary