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Faculty Senate Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Cove Campus
April 16, 2013

Note: These minutes are being reconstructed many months after the April meeting. The original minutes prepared by the Senate secretary at the time, Leslie Peeples, are unavailable because Leslie became ill. These are therefore being reconstructed with the aid only of a few sketchy notes and imperfect memories. Information will be missing, but what follows is accurate to the best of my knowledge. DB

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Todd Blankenbeckler called the meeting to order at 3:00. [We normally insert the list of those who were present here in the minutes. That list is unavailable.]

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

3. Reports from Senate Officers and Senate Committees

There was a report from the Faculty Awards Committee.

4. Unfinished Business

A. A new grade appeal policy was submitted by Donald Thomas, chair of the Grades Appeal committee. The policy involved the timing of the committee's response to a grade appeal that is submitted after the spring semesters. There was a vote to accept this recommendation and accept the new grade appeal policy. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

B. Todd Blankenbeckler discussed issues with mandatory advising and Spring 2013 registration issues. One particular matter of concern is the vast discrepancies in the numbers of advisees assigned to different faculty members: some faculty have as many as 270 advisees.

5. New Business

Rosie Taylor discussed the faculty awards process, recommending that a new process that would increase the numbers of nominees be adopted.

Changes to the Faculty Handbook were approved.

We held a reading of proposed changes to the Senate constitution and by laws for a vote by the faculty. Seeing a few errors, we sent the bylaws and

constitution back to the committee. The vote was tabled until our next meeting.

We discussed whether the college policy of responding to the deaths of employees' family members should be expanded to include domestic partners of employees. We did not come to a resolution, preferring to table it until we get results from similar issues currently being explored by TBR.

Senators mentioned concerns that the deadline for faculty to complete their faculty evaluations were inconvenient, coming at the busiest time of the school year. We did not come to a resolution of these concerns, but we did have a general sense of agreement that the issue needs to be explored in more detail.

We elected new Faculty Senate officers for the 2013-2014 Academic year. Those are as follows: Joan McGrory, Vice President; Bill Turner, Treasurer; Leslie Peebles, Secretary; Delores Boland, Parliamentarian.

The new Faculty Senate president for 2013-2014, Bill Summons, introduced himself and expressed his desire for a productive year.

6. Todd Blankenbeckler adjourned the meeting at 5:00

Respectfully Submitted
Doug Branch
Faculty Senate Secretary
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