

Faculty Senate Minutes  
Southwest Tennessee Community College  
Union Ave., Faculty Lounge B 139  
October 21, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll

Faculty Senate Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00. Faculty Senate Secretary Doug Branch called the roll, which follows:

William Summons, **Senate President**

Division Senators, Arts and Sciences

Doug Branch, **Secretary**

Shannon Little

Karen Pierce

Mahmuda Sultana

Bill Turner, **Treasurer**

Division Senators, Career Studies

Lisa Hadley

Tim Harrison, **Parliamentarian**

Joan McGrory (proxy)

Dewey Sykes, **Vice-President**

Department Senators

Michelle Hill (12-14) **Allied Health**

Mahnaz Ghaffarian (13-15) **Business**

Michael Scott (13-15) **Communications and Fine Arts** (absent)

David Huffman (13-15) **Languages and Literature**

Mathilda Doorley (14-16) **Natural Science**

Monique Cage (14-16) **Nursing** (absent)

Hannah Province (13-15) **Mathematics**

Leslie Peebles (13-15) **Technologies**

Robert Walker (13-15) **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (absent)

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and approved that we accept the minutes from the September, 2014 faculty senate meeting. Secretary Doug Branch will ask that those minutes be posted on the faculty senate website.

### 3. Reports from Senate Officers and Senate Committees

- A. Bill Summons read a letter from the president, Nate Essex, in which he stated that the search committee for a new provost would not be formed until a new college president has begun his or her duties. In this letter, Essex also approved the senate's request for faculty representation on the search committee for a new dean of the arts and sciences division. Essex's letter suggested that two faculty members would be appropriate. The senate agreed that we would respond to the letter, by way of a letter by Bill Summons. We asked Bill to say, in the letter, that while we would accept two members on the committee, we would prefer more.
- B. It was moved, seconded, and approved that we would submit the names Dewey Sykes and Shannon Little as our chosen representatives on the dean of arts and sciences search committee. Dewey is from the division of career studies, Shannon from the division of arts and sciences.

Break: The group took a short break to have a group photo taken for the faculty senate website.

- C. Dewey Sykes reported on the progress of the administrator evaluation committee. The check to pay for the services of Survey Monkey, while sent, has not been received yet. The matter is being investigated. Dewey said the committee is still on target to administer the survey no later than October 31.
- D. Doug Branch, senate secretary, noted that he is having trouble posting an accurate list of faculty senate committees to the website because he hasn't heard from all of the chairs.

### 4. Old Business

- A. Joan McGrory was absent, so Doug Branch reported for her. She sent Doug and other SEC members lists of faculty members, listed by division, so that division senators could communicate with their division members. Doug will be responsible for getting those lists to the division senators.
- B. Hannah Province reported on her committee's exploration of why the word "Staff" rather than "Faculty" was put on new faculty ID's. The committee is convinced no malevolent intent was involved, but that Nikita Ashford, who ordered the ID's, was simply attempting to get the product to all Southwest employees in the fastest manner. Nikita is going to order new ID cards with the word "Faculty" on them in January. Faculty can expect to be issued those cards in August, 2015.

It was moved and approved that Hannah should communicate with Nikita the senate's desire to keep the current layout of the cards, but with the word "Staff" replaced with "Faculty."

- C. Bill Summons reported that the TBR chancellor agreed, in writing, that the Southwest faculty should have representation on the committee that will be formed to search for a new Southwest president.
  
- D. Bill Summons reported that he is still trying to arrange a session for Tristan Denley, from TBR, to discuss changes at TBR, especially concerning new policies for remedial classes, with Southwest faculty and students. Bill will try to set up dates good for both Denley and faculty and students during the spring semester. Dewey Sykes offered to help coordinate the effort.

#### 5. New Business

- A. Bill Summons read an email from Nathan Essex in which Essex expressed his desire that the senate appoint a faculty member to serve on the search committee for a new executive director of workforce development and continuing education. Lisa Hadley volunteered to serve. Her nomination was approved by general acclamation.
  
- B. Bill Summons reiterated the president's offer to hold a chat session with faculty. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we organize such a session, preferably before Thanksgiving.

#### 6. Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Branch  
Faculty Senate Secretary

