

Faculty Senate Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Cove Campus
MA C 177
April 11, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll

Faculty Senate president Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00 and invited the group to enjoy a nice spread of food, as is tradition at our final meeting of the academic year. Secretary Doug Branch called the roll:

William Summons, **Senate President**

Division Senators, Arts and Sciences

Doug Branch (15-17) **Secretary**
Joyce Johnson (15-17)
Mahmuda Sultana (16-18) Proxy
Bill Turner (15-17)
MaLinda Wade (15-17)
LaDonna Young (16-18) Absent

Division Senators, Career Studies

Charles (Eddie) Baker (16-18) **Parliamentarian**
Tim Harrison (16-18)
Joan McGrory (15-17) **Treasurer**
Dewey Sykes (15-17) **Vice-President**

Department Senators

Shilpa Desai (16-18) **Allied Health**
Mahnaz Ghaffarian (15-17) **Business** Absent
Annette Fournet (appointed 16- 17) **Communications and Fine Arts**
David Huffman (15-17) **Languages and Literature**
Rosie Taylor (16-18) **Natural Sciences**
Marilyn Wilbourn (16-18) **Nursing**
Shantell Chism (15-17) **Mathematics** Absent
Leslie Peebles (15-17) **Technologies**
Ed Reid (15-17) **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

2. Approval of Minutes

The body approved the minutes from the March, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting. Secretary Doug Branch will ask that those minutes be posted to the senate website.

3. Reports from Senate Officers and Senate Committees

- A. Doug Branch, senate secretary, having consulted with members, agreed to begin posting communications between administrators and the senate on the Faculty Senate sharepoint site.
- B. Doug read a letter from Dr. Tracy Hall, college president, declining an invitation to today's senate meeting.

4. Old Business

- A. David Huffman, representing the Faculty Handbook Committee, asked if there were any changes that we knew of that needed to be made to the adjunct faculty handbook. If not, he is planning to give the committee's draft to Dr. Chris Ezell in preparation for a Fall Semester, 2017 publication.

5. New Business

- A. Bill Summons, president, wished to address the fact that a complaint button had been added to the student dashboard, presumably enabling students to complain more efficiently about their classes and professors. Bill voiced his intention to investigate the matter further.
- B. Dewey Sykes announced the results of the election for new Faculty Senate members. Terms expire in April, 2019.

Division Senators: Arts and Sciences: Doug Branch, Shannon Little, MaLinda Wade, Jerome Wilson. Career Studies: Delores Boland, Thomas Midgeley.

Department Senators: Languages and Literature, Tiffany Akin; Business and Legal Studies, Joanitha Barnes; Communications and Fine Arts, Annette Fournet; Mathematics, Frank Daniels; Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ed Reid; Technologies, Leslie Peebles

Dewey thanked all who participated in the elections.

- C. Bill Summons noted that he and the SEC would, starting in September, plan to meet with Dr. Chris Ezell prior to Faculty Senate meetings. The

goal would be to relay information back and forth from the administration to the senate, and vice versa, and to clear up any misunderstanding that might have arisen in the preceding month.

D. Dewey Sykes conducted an election of Faculty Senate officers for the next academic year. LaDonna Young was elected vice-president, Doug Branch secretary, Shannon Little treasurer, and Eddie Baker parliamentarian.

6. Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Branch

Faculty Senate Secretary

