

Faculty Senate Minutes
Southwest Tennessee Community College
Union Ave. Campus
Faculty Lounge, F218
March 14, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll

Faculty Senate president Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00.
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) Absent
Bill Turner (15-17)
MaLinda Wade (15-17)
LaDonna Young (16-18)

Division Senators, Career Studies

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

Department Senators

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The body approved the minutes from the February, 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 reported on and distributed copies of the response from Dr. Tracy Hall, college president, regarding the senate's expressed concern about a lack of faculty consultation about Artesian Charter School's newly announced presence at the Union Ave. campus. Doug also reported on and distributed the response from Lezley Webb, director of public safety, concerning recent communication from the senate about training for faculty, staff, and students to prepare for an active shooter incident.

A discussion followed concerning doors that do not lock on many campuses. Complaints ensued, too, about red emergency phones that do not work.

A motion was made to invite Dr. Hall, Chris Ezell, and the principal of the Artesian School to our April meeting in order to address concerns about the school's presence at the Union Ave. Campus. The motion passed.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- A. A discussion ensued about appropriate and inappropriate behavior during faculty senate meetings, especially concerning open phone lines, the recording of proceedings, and the texting of proceedings. Complaints about faculty members leaving cell phones open and about members telling administrators about the proceedings were heard.

A motion was made that the secretary write a note about ethical expectations for faculty, concerning secrecy, during faculty senate meetings. That note should be attached to the agenda. The motion passed.

- B. A discussion ensued concerning the new hiring committees for dean positions involving too many administrators and too few faculty members.

A motion was made and carried that two senators should write a letter of concern about the make-up of these committees, centering on the

faculty's sense of marginalization. That letter will be forwarded to the administration as soon as it receives the SEC's imprimatur. The motion passed.

- C. A discussion ensued about the email faculty received concerning sexual harassment equity compliance. The concern was that the email requiring faculty to submit to a lengthy video workshop came from a third party of questionable legitimacy.

D. Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Branch

Faculty Senate Secretary

