

Minutes
Faculty Board Meeting
September 10, 2001
Room E-12 Conference Room

Members Present: Judy Sieg, Jon Backman, Paul Turner, Marilyn Clarkson, Joel Livesay, Tim McBride, Karen Ravan, George Ford, Gretchen Maulsby, and Debbie Jennings.

Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order and Adoption of Minutes

Judy Sieg called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

II. Old Business

W/WFs: Judy Sieg pointed out that Sue Stokley e-mailed faculty the results on the proposal to change the method of awarding W/WFs. The faculty voted not to change from the current method.

Field Tests: Dr. Pelham stated he will meet with his group in October, and one of the first items on the agenda is the field test procedure. Sandy Winkler has been gathering faculty input for him on this.

III. New Business

Adjunct Faculty in Faculty Assembly: Judy Sieg suggested including adjunct faculty in Faculty Assembly and Faculty Board because their needs are not always the same as those of full-time faculty. After favorable discussion, Judy proposed an amendment to the constitutional by-laws that would (1) [Article 3-Membership] drop the word “permanent” before faculty; (2) [Article 5, Section 3] change “Health Sciences Division” to “Health and Human Services Division (except Transitional Studies)”; (3) [Article 5, Sections 4-7] require an adjunct to have worked two consecutive semesters before serving on the board; require eligible adjunct wishing to serve to contact the appropriate department head who would then be responsible for making a recommendation to the board; require the board to elect one representative from the recommendations; and indicate the adjunct will serve a one-year term and (4) [Article 9, section 3] require the quorum needed be 50% plus one of permanent faculty members.

College Calendar: Judy brought up the concerns of some faculty over the college calendar. These included their frustration that with the present options, twelve-month faculty cannot take the two-week summer break and the week at Christmas despite the fact they are allowed that number of

optional days. Their request was that, except for those days mandated closed by the state, all other holidays, etc. be optional. Debbie Jennings will update the board on input from the calendar committee at the October meeting.

STC's reaction to Sept. 11: In a discussion of the best way to deal with the effect of the events of September 11 on STC campus, Gretchen Maulsby suggested a workshop that would bring speakers on campus to enlighten faculty and students on Mid-East issues. She suggested Dr. Joe Dunn of Converse College. Dr. Pelham felt this might be a good idea but indicated that Student Services should coordinate these efforts. Gretchen also passed out a handout containing information as to how other colleges are dealing with the safety of their students from the Middle East.

Internet Filters: In response to a faculty member's concern over the use of the Internet to locate "white supremacy" or similar hate group propaganda, the use of web filters was discussed. The filters we now use relate to sites—not topics—and are focused on pornography. Installing filters for topics is said to be more trouble than it is worth because of their lack of reliability. After discussion, the decision was made that enforcing the present policy would be best. A suggestion was made to approach Bob Isenhower about the possibility of the student having to log on using his password and being presented with a screen that warns the student his or her use will be monitored. Students disobeying school usage rules can be sent to the Dean of Students.

Engineering Recruitment: George Ford requested all faculty except Transitional Studies encourage students who are still unsure of a major to consider engineering. STC now has a 2+2 relationship with several colleges. He also asked that faculty let engineering advisors know if an engineering student is having difficulty in class.

- IV. Dr. Pelham's Report: Regarding the issue of pay increases and upgrades for staff, Regina Eaker will identify an outside consultant to complete a study before the end of the first semester. Tech will also commission an economics benefit study to come up with a way to quantify for each dollar put into the college how many dollars will be generated in the community. This will give Tech more leverage in the community.

Regarding the implementation of the lottery, Dr. Pelham stated that the lottery begins in January 2002 and free tuition will begin Fall 2002. The lottery will need to generate \$250,000,000 to fund this. Since this may not happen, Dr. Terhune has asked that contingency plans be developed.

- V. Other items on the agenda were postponed to the October 17 meeting. Meeting adjourned 4:45.