STC Faculty Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
7 February 2005

Division		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Arts/Sciences	Jim Guerrant	X		Jenny Williams	X	
Business	Peter Stone	X		Eva Smith	X	
Health	Ellen Romani	X		Cindy Alexander	X	
Eng/Ind	Joe Richards	X		Jay Coffer	X	
Trans/Library	Shelia Counts	X		Patricia Rodgers	X	
Adjunct Faculty	Wofford O'Sullivan		X			

Guest: Greg Bond

President Eva Smith called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The minutes of the January 18 meeting were approved and adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Compensation for developing online course update

President Smith shared updated information regarding payment to those instructors who teach online courses. She stated that there is a proposal on the floor at the Dean's level to consider compensation of instructors who teach online courses. Currently, campus-wide, each online course has a class size limit of 30 students. Arts and Sciences classes are the exception, with its limit of 25 students per course (ENG 101 and ENG 102). However, many online courses often run with numbers exceeding the limit. With this new policy, instructors who teach an online course(s) with a class size of 26-49~~50~~ students will be paid $50 per STUDENT.~~online course~~. At 50 students, the single course will be split into two separate sections. From this point, instructors will be paid ~~$50/ student~~ THE REGULAR RATE FOR THE COURSE.

As an example: An instructor is teaching two online math classes and both max out (25 students each). If ten additional students are added to each section, the instructor will be paid $50/student or $500 PER CLASS~~1,000~~. The comparison was made between this and what any adjunct or full-time instructor would be paid for teaching an additional course of the same size (APPROXIMATELY $1,544 dollars) even though it has been shown that teaching online is more time and management-intensive.

Further, it was noted that instructors who develop/design online courses still do not receive compensation for creating a product that the College can use as a competitive advantage. **Smith emphasized that compensation is still a proposal at this stage; no decision has been made.**

B. Attendance Policy Update

The Board's recommendations were presented to the President's Council on February 7th.

C. Withdrawal Policy Update

The Board's recommendations were also presented to the President's Council on February 7th.

D. Food Service

Jay Coffer shared that he'd received a lot of response from faculty regarding the possibility of bringing a food service to campus. Eva Smith stated she'd put out feelers to the Culinary Arts Advisory Committee for potential companies. UPDATE: As part of a trial run, Chick Fil-A is serving out of the East Building cafeteria twice weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The trial run started February 21.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ad-Hoc Committee Chaired by Matt Alimagham

The Technology Ad-Hoc Committee advocated by VP for Academic Affairs Sherry Vaughn and chaired by instructor Matt Alimagham, consists of the following divisional/area representatives:
- Sue Cherry-Casey – Health Sciences
- Ann Black Jones – Transitional Studies
- Patricia Rodgers – Library
- Tom Sawicki, Ph.D. – Arts and Sciences
- Paul Turner, Industrial/Engineering Technologies
- Lisa Lopez – Business/Computer Technology
- Pete Stone – Faculty Board Liaison

B. Patricia Rodgers: Curriculum Software for Library Computers/Online Information Literacy Course

Patricia shared that Margaret Green would like to know if faculty would be interested in having the library house e-textbooks and/or software on a few of the Library's computers. She would like for students to have access to these tools if faculty feels there's a need. Also, Patricia is seeking information from faculty regarding the need for an online Information Literacy course similar to a Trident Technical College model for students short on one or two credits for full-time status. Faculty members are asked to contact Patricia with comments, suggestions and questions.

C. Greg Bond: Faculty Technology Training

Greg Bond shared that Sherry Vaughn would like to mandate technology training for all new employees. New employees would be required to complete four training sessions during their first year with the College. Greg would like faculty to suggest training ideas/needs that would be of interest to new and continuing faculty. All suggestions, comments, questions should be e-mailed to Greg Bond.

D. Faculty Board By-laws: Approval Process

Eva shared that Sherry Vaughn recommended that the proposed revisions to the Board's By-laws be put to a vote during a campus-wide meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2005. According to the current By-laws, amendments or revisions may be made "by an affirmative note of two-thirds of the members of the Assembly present or represented by signed proxy." Eva stated that the gathering will be catered by the Culinary Arts students who will serve "heavy hors d'oeuvres for a late-day snack" in the Community Room. Also during this meeting, the Assembly will vote for the President-Elect for 2005-2006.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on 14 March 2005 in HSB 117. Faculty is encouraged to contact a division/department representative with comments before this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelia Antley Counts, M.Ed.