

STC Faculty Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
14 March 2005

<u>Division</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 Coffey		X
Trans/Library	Shelia Counts		X	Patricia Rodgers	X	
Adjunct Faculty	Wofford O'Sullivan		X			

I. Meeting Called to Order

President Eva Smith called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The minutes of the February 7, 2005 meeting were approved and adopted. The roll was called. See table above.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Compensation for developing online course update

People are still talking about distance learning (pay). The Distance Learners User Group has recommended a standard number of students per online class (regardless of division).

B. Attendance Policy Update

The Attendance Policy is still under consideration by the President's Council. Updates will be provided regarding the status of the policy when available from the PC.

C. Ad-Hoc Committee Update

The committee, headed by Matt Alimagham to address technology-related issues on campus, met to discuss Datatel issues. One suggestion made to assist students with effective course schedule planning is to add a feature to Datatel that would notate whether classes are offered spring/fall/summer only.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Graduation

Faculty Board needs to secure twelve (12) marshals/ushers for graduation; criteria include a minimum 3.0 GPA, recommendation by an instructor/Division Dean, and completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours (not including transitional courses). Each Board member is to submit one or two names by the

last work day before Spring Break to President Eva Smith. Graduation will be Thursday, May 5, at 8:00 p.m. at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Marshals must be available for rehearsal that morning. Women need to wear white dresses, and men need to wear black pants with white shirts.

B. Campus-Wide Final Exam

In response to a comment in Sherry's Feedback (December 10, 2004 – located in Public Folders under Sherry's Feedback), Sherry Vaughn requested that the Board review her response to someone's query regarding implementation of a campus-wide final exam policy as a "first and crucial step" as the College looks "toward program-specific assessment of student learning outcomes."

The Board is in agreement with Mrs. Vaughn's position that a final exam should NOT be a requirement for every course. Mrs. Vaughn gave the following reasons: 1) There are many ways to assess course competencies – including a final exam, and 2) A required final exam would interfere with academic freedom.

C. April 12th election of Faculty Board President-Elect 2005-2006

The election will take place from 3:00-4:00 pm at a location to be announced. Culinary students will provide heavy appetizers. Pete Stone will be president for 2005-2006, so the Board needs suggestions for president-elect for next year. Also, the Board needs to replace representatives who will be coming off their two-year term: Jenny Williams, Eva Smith, Cindy Alexander, and Joe Richards. These representatives need to let the Board know who your replacement will be by April 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on 11 April 2005 in HSB 117. At that time, members need to report on ushers/marshals and new members. Faculty is encouraged to contact a division/department representative with comments before this time.

Respectfully submitted (based on the thorough note taking of member Jenny Williams),

Shelia Antley Counts, M.Ed.