

STC Faculty Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
11 April 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 3:00 p.m. The minutes of the March 14, 2005 meeting were approved and adopted (in absentia). Secretary Shelia Counts apologized for not having the minutes of the March 14 ready for approval. The minutes will be formally approved at the Board's end-of-year luncheon on May 2nd. The roll was called. See table above.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Updates from Sherry Vaughn

Vice President for Academic Affairs Sherry Vaughn informed the Board that both the Attendance Policy and Withdrawal Policy are still pending. She stated that Dr. Terhune has asked that before moving forward with proposed changes, we wait until the re-organizational changes in AA are complete. The Board respectfully requests to know from Mrs. Vaughn the proposed date for the completion of the re-organization of the AA Division as well as other information she believes the Board should be privy to as representatives of College faculty.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ushers and Marshals

The names of the ushers and marshals for the May 5th graduation ceremony were shared with the Board.

B. New Faculty Board members

The Board is welcoming into the fold the following new members: Bill Chidester (replacing Wofford O'Sullivan) as adjunct representative; Becky Bridwell (replacing Cindy Alexander) as health sciences

representative; Magaly Littlejohn (replacing Jenny Williams) as A&S representative; and Tim McBride, President-Elect for 2005-2006 (as determined by April 12th Faculty Meeting/Election!).

C. Phi Theta Kappa

Sherry Vaughn would like the Board members to gauge faculty and student interest to chartering a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Of the sixteen technical colleges in the state's system, STC is the only college to not have a chapter. The one-time cost to charter a chapter is \$500 and student members would have to pay a \$50 registration fee. The Board discussed the logistics of such a venture, including whether a "gung-ho!" person in AA/AS is most appropriate to take on this challenge, and whether there'd be sufficient interest from our student population. Eva Smith will e-mail division deans for suggestions about prospective faculty.

D. April 12th election:

The Faculty Meeting to elect the next President-Elect of the Faculty Board will take place tomorrow, April 12, 2005 in the Commissioner's Dining Room of the Student Services Building. The food will be delivered between 2:00-2:30 p.m. and Eva says she could use help before and after the meeting. The menu will include antipasto salad, cheese cakes/tarts, salad, cheese trays, crab-artichoke dip, soft drinks, chips, etc. The voting will take place around 3:30 p.m.

E. Concerns Regarding 2005-2006 Academic Calendar:

The Board is very concerned about the lack of authentic faculty representation as part of the committee which formulated next year's Academic Calendar.

F. Six-Day Work Week

A faculty member asked that the question of a six-day work week be discussed by the Board. The Board discussed the feasibility of Saturday classes. Would there be sufficient interest on the part of faculty and/or students? Would faculty be required to teach Saturday classes? Would teaching these classes be considered an overload or part of a regular schedule? Would teaching Saturdays affect work hours during the rest of the week? What are the costs the College would incur (maintenance, HVAC, etc.)? The Board would like to receive input from faculty and others regarding this issue.

G. Faculty Parking Concerns

The Board heard concerns about the number of students who are illegally using the Faculty Parking Lot. Particularly troubling was the March incident in which a faculty member's car was significantly damaged by a student who was using the Faculty Parking Lot as a "drop zone." Other members discussed the fact that it becomes dangerous to walk through the park as students – often at high speeds – go through the lot, again, to drop other students off on the sidewalk close to the West Building wings. The Board wants the Chief of Public Safety to consider these concerns and whether the installation of a security gate with faculty ID-access would be a feasible solution to this problem.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The Board's End-of-the-Year Luncheon for new and old members is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 May 2005, at the Piedmont Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelia Antley Counts, M.Ed.