

STC Faculty Senate Minutes

Tuesday, January, 2019

Members present:

Diane Teter, Bruce Griffiths, Sandra Ledesma, Bill Carter, Bill Greene, Eric Reittinger Proxy Tim Weber, Roy Escaname, Francisco Ortiz, Richard Smith, Mario Morin, Danny Montez, Mehrzad Mahmoudian- Geller, Lyudmyla Dickinson, Iris Jasso, Reynaldo Jasso, Margarita Vangeulova Proxy Jesus?, Steve Miller, Sharon Ridce, Oscar Cortez, Darnel Miller, Veronica Dominguez

Faculty/Guest present: Shannon Perales, Angelita E. Teniente, Mario Lopez, Benito, Amadita Zamora, Juan C. Gaytan

Meeting called to Order at 4:03 pm by President Diane Teter:

President's Report by Diane Teter

Welcome

Faculty Satisfaction Survey update: Blackboard announcement sent via blackboard requesting any suggestions, deletions, corrections by January 30th

- 1. Elections:** Faculty Senate elections will be held in April. If interested in running for senator or officer position, please send in your request to run. Mark Murray update stated the official announcement for elections will be made in the February meeting according to the constitution and then e-mails will be sent asking for nominations. RASS was contacted for survey request so elections will be held in March and election results can be announced in the April meeting. n
- 2. Faculty Senate Presentation:** Faculty Senate will give a short presentation to the STC Board of Trustees at tonight's meeting. Each faculty senate officer will be presenting a one-minute self-introduction and role in the committee. Purpose is to create communication between FS and Board of Trustees.
- 3. PDC Meeting:** Diane Teter provided an update on the Planning and Development Council meeting and it was announcing that Full-Time regulars should be receiving their notification of renewal between Feb. 1st or Feb. 5th. Appointment letters should be coming up in May.
- 4. Senate Roll Call:** All satellite sites were asked to have everyone sign in for attendance for FS secretaries record keeping. Send via intercampus mail. Gabriel Viera; a replacement needed due to course schedule unable to attend meetings.

Quorum Met

5. Approval of Minutes for November 2018 FS meeting
Mark Murray motions
Roy Escaname seconds the motion
6. **Vote for Senator replacement:** Mehrzad a Biology faculty member was presented by Diane Teter for appointment as a senator to replace Lenny Bashiris senator spot for the remainder of this year Spring 2019 semester.

Motion approved and carried by Faculty Senate.

OLD BUSINESS

7. **Policy 4901-Bill Carter**

Chris Nelson provided an update to the PDC committee and created a sub-committee that will be reviewing the policy this Friday. With regards to the problematic area in 4901 on “highly subjected” way of dismissing an individual do we want that out or revise the way it is still framed as “tarnishing the image of the college?” Will try to keep the highly subjective language out. 7 people on the committee two of which are 2 faculty senators (Diane Teter & Bill Carter).

8. **February “OPOD Day” professional development:**

Faculty Senate in collaboration with STC police department will be facilitating a break-out session. Roy Escaname met with Paul Varvil and created a shooting scenario designed specifically for faculty awareness of what they can and cannot do and ask and cannot ask during an incident like this with an active shooter. Very productive meeting and a very thoughtful process was involved so that it would be relevant to faculty. Bill Greene added that a table top scenario was also presented walking faculty through the steps and the choices you have during an active shooter situation and an opportunity for discussion. For the preceding meeting will be a refresher on active shooter defense based on what was done prior and then a table top exercise.

A Faculty Senate session will also be held to come and visit with the officers.

New Business

9. A reminder from Mark Murray that he is termed out for the end of this Spring 2019 semester and will contact others on the elections and nomination committee so they can shadow what I am doing because all committees must be chaired by a senator or officer. Will still assist in future elections if needed.
10. Francisco from Mid-Valley reminded the group about a tabled item on the Kinesiology request for assistance. Any suggestions or updates: Bruce Griffiths stated that a concrete proposal was suggested be written in a less broad manner and add specifics. Frank e-

mailed a copy of a revised statement to Diane Teter and requested it be shared via blackboard to discuss it further in the next meeting.

11. Mark Murray announced the upcoming TCCTA conference in Houston for March.
12. Question from Merzhad in regards to faculty and staff emails and was concerned because it mentioned a survey that was implemented and as a result of which the policy was revised as to what e-mails the faculty and staff can receive. The concern is also that students would not be getting e-mail notifications as well and therefore student organizations will not be able to inform students that can have an adverse effect on the college culture. In the General e-mails that were sent everyone would receive this including students. Merzhad double checked and it has been a couple of years that students do not receive these announcements about speaker events. Students also confirmed this. So when announcements are sent in to be distributed through general e-mail it only goes to Faculty and Staff. Did faculty Senate receive any survey about this? Who was surveyed? Bruce Griffith commented that this was not in the faculty satisfaction survey. How will clubs distribute information? This is a situation that needs to be reassessed. PR is in charge of the social media outlets and all requests must go through PR to announce.

Mark Murray motions that the executive committee ask Dr. Petrosian how this change came about and why was Faculty Senate not part of this decision and pass along information on the effects on student clubs. Iris Jasso seconds the motion. All in favor.
Motion unanimously approved.

13. Mario Lopez attended meeting with a concern for students that are getting confused due to building name not changed. STC currently has Building G and the new Building P identified as North Academic and students are still getting lost.

Meeting Adjourned 4:36 pm

Mario Morin motioned to adjourn.

Eric Reittinger's Proxy, Tim Weber second the motion.

Motion carried.