Beaufort County Community College Faculty Senate

February 19, 2008

Members Present

Albera, Emily
Anders, Jay
Baker, Debra
Bliley, Laura
Boyles, Dixon
Crozier, Teresa
Douglas, Renee
Dunn, Donna

Enecks, Dell Gipson, Laura Hudson, Leonard Jackson, Aino Keen, Jackie Leach, Becky Mattimoe, Tim McNeil, Lori Mendoza, Jose' Meyer, Judith Pilson, Peggy Smith, Bill Toler, Whiting Woolard, Kay

Call to Order

Ben Morris, president, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Award Presentation

The meeting began with Wesley Beddard presenting Lori McNeil, Faculty Member of the Year, with an RJ Reynolds certificate and pen.

Minutes

Donna Dunn moved that the October 9, 2007, minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Debra Baker. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Crozier, treasurer, reported that the balance is \$477.42. Faculty Senate reimbursed the Staff for one half of the Poinsettias purchased for the Faculty/Staff Christmas party.

Old Business

Registration Workgroup

Judith Meyer asked if the faculty had any items to present to the Registration Workgroup. One suggestion was to fix the override problems with prerequisites. Another suggestion was to have a backup person for adding courses. Only one person presently can add courses after the first day or two; therefore, for better customer service, the College needs a backup person in case that one person should be sick or absent. Judith announced that there would be only one day of late registration during the fall.

Early College High School

A liaison between the early college high school and BCCC will be hired--\$58,000.

Spelling Bee

The Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce sent a thank you to BCCC for supporting the Adult Team Spelling Bee. Faculty members participating in the Spelling Bee were Judith Meyer, Becky Leach, Lori McNeil, and Teresa Crozier.

Instructional Calendar

The 2008 calendar has been changed—instead of Veteran's Day, we will have three days at Thanksgiving. The change occurred because of the SAC's Visitation on Veteran's Day.

Discussion centered on the fact that Faculty Senate no longer reviews calendar changes as we did in the past (Kay Hauser reviewed in detail, and Faculty Senate had to approve the calendar before it went to Administrative Council). Many last-minute changes have occurred in the last two years. Some faculty members stated that Faculty Senate should be involved in the calendar again and, if not, that exact changes should be put into the e-mail, along with the revision dates. It was mentioned that Faculty Senate will review future instructional calendars prior to them being sent to Administrative council.

Faculty Staff Handbook

Hard copies are available from Pam Cummings.

Faculty of the Year Plaque

Dell Enecks and Judith Meyer will decide on the placement of the plaque.

New Business

Stanley Community College

A letter from Rita Chrane, Chair of Faculty Senate at Stanly Community College, was distributed, requesting BCCC Faculty Senate to collect information about apathy, etiquette, and lack of responsibility among students. Stanly Community College's president requested that the Faculty Senate research other community colleges for "ideas to better reach and educate these new generation students, who were born between 1982 and 2002." Interested faculty members should contact jburris7709@stanly.edu by March 15.

Salaries

Faculty Affairs Committee chairperson, Judith Meyer, reported that a preliminary report from the community college system indicates that our average salary rank for 2007-08 has moved up to 50th out of 58. (In 2005-06, we were 57 out of 58) Discussion followed. Changing twelve-month faculty to eleven-month faculty while retaining the same salary resulted in a higher monthly average in the latest figures. Also, the question remains, "How do faculty salaries rank compared to staff salaries?" Suggestions were made to contact legislators regarding community college instructor salaries since the state reportedly has a surplus. The NC Community College Faculty Association is advocating strongly for us also and needs our support.

Technology

Instructional Affairs Committee chairperson, Jay Anders, said Brown McFadden is using a thirty-day trial filter, blocking some websites. The goal is to speed up Internet access on campus.

Adjournment

At 12:40, Tim Mattimoe moved to adjourn. Whiting Toler seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Mullis Secretary