

**Central Texas College**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**January 23, 2009**  
**Friday, 9:00 am**  
**Criminal Justice Building**

**I. Call to Order**

President Delores Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**II. Guest Speaker- Dr. James Anderson, CTC Chancellor**

**A. The Texas Legislature**

- Our excellent Spring enrollment numbers will improve our future funding since this is a “formula year.”

- A salary table for Texas community college educators shows CTC ranks fifth highest in the state.

- Dr. Anderson urged us to take advantage of the “valuable opportunity” to attend the TCCTA Convention in Austin on February 19-21. He encouraged us to tell our legislators about our successes as well as our needs.

- A new Texas Legislature has been sworn in. The nine-billion dollar surplus the state used to have in the “Rainy Day Fund” in previous years is all gone. The State Comptroller has said that only absolute emergencies should be funded, because Texas is paying for the rebuilding of Galveston.

- Community colleges are supposed to be given more money for enrollment growth, but we may not get what we were promised. Governor Perry still has not returned funds he vetoed from community college health benefits during the last session.

- The Texas legislature is ignoring community colleges, although we hold the line against tuition increases. We have been given false promises the last five sessions. In spite of all of these problems, we do have some great legislators, especially locally.

- The Texas Legislature has issued unfunded mandates that require community colleges to provide health insurance to their employees, without providing the funds to do so. The Governor tried to impose “proportionality,” saying that since the state of Texas only pays a portion of college educators’ salaries, the state should have to pay for only the same percentage of the health insurance cost also.

- Dr. Anderson is on the Executive Board of the TACC, the organization for college presidents. He will be at their meetings, make presentations, and be active in the organization. Issues addressed by the TACC can affect us, including a proposal to designate the textbooks that we must use, and rules for residency (which affects our Ft. Hood students.) The CTC Board of

Trustees is represented in the Association of Trustees, so they can be on the same page with teachers and administration.

- For Tarleton Central Texas, on the 20<sup>th</sup> class day, they will meet the state requirement to become Texas A&M Central Texas. About a month later, the Coordinating Board will authorize the name change. The next hurdle will be 1500 FTE's which they hope to achieve in 2010. Originally, Texas A&M Central Texas was promised 25 million when the goal was reached.

## **B. Buildings and Facilities**

- The 600 acres that the Army is going to donate near the cemetery for the new Texas A&M Central Texas campus (once it reaches the prescribed enrollment level) is raw land with no sewage and no water.

- Construction on the Administration Building is progressing.

- The new water tower is functional, and gives us enough water pressure if needed for fire suppression. The transfer station house (that houses the water pump near the duck pond) needs a facelift.

- A large sign facing the bridge will be highlighting events on campus and will be tastefully controlled through the CTC Public Relations Office.

- Eighty proposals were offered for the "Name the Road" Contest. No winner has been selected.

- Groundbreaking for the new CTC building on Ft. Hood is taking place. This project was funded as a result of the sale of the CTC Property at Skylark Field.

- The architect has completed 95% of the design for the new Nursing Building. The Department of Nursing will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> year with a luncheon, fashion show and groundbreaking on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. The Board has approved a bid which will be between 10 and 15 million for the 80 thousand square foot building which the Department of Nursing will share with the new Texas A&M Central Texas and Metroplex Hospital.

- KNCT-TV is ready to go with the new required digitalization process.

- The Planetarium has made a bid to upgrade. The older materials it utilizes are no longer being manufactured. Plans are for the facility to go "full-dome."

## **C. Contracts**

- Distance Learning has reached 70,000 enrollments.

- The Distance Learning Department is delighted with its faculty's response, as they adapt to various upgrades that are being put in place. DL must meet the requirements of the Coordinating Board as well as the requirements of SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.)

- The Pacific Far East contract is up for renewal. CTC is bidding for another five years worth two million a year.

- At present, schools with a LOI (Letter of Intent) are already approved and get tuition payments in advance. Under new proposals, all schools will get tuition in advance and CTC will have many more competitors.

•KISD and CCISD are participating in many dual enrollments with us. Many students will be able to come out of high school with an Associates Degree. At a recent Open House, Texas Tech had 38 students and CTC had 970.

•Dr. Anderson stated he does not like the “Pick-a-Prof” on-line web-site that lets students open each teacher’s grade distribution records. Although we cannot say no because of open records laws, we can charge them the price of printing the list.

#### **D. Announcements and Events**

•Bob Farrell had open-heart surgery and is doing well.

•There will be a luncheon and fashion show to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Nursing. The CTC Foundation is working to make this a fundraising event for scholarships, equipment, etc.

•KNCT will sponsor a wine-tasting party tomorrow (January 24<sup>th</sup>) at the Shiloh Inn.

### **III. Roll Call of members present**

*[members sign-in as they enter for Association meetings.]*

### **IV. Approval of Minutes- November 21, 2008**

•Jack Van Doren moved that the Minutes from the November 21, 2008 meeting be approved. Jenny Shotwell seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **V. Officer Reports**

#### **A. President’s Report**

•President Delores Williams reported that two members of our Board of Trustees are up for re-election in April.

#### **B. Treasurer’s Report**

•For the first time, the CTC Faculty Senate/Association created a budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

•We will soon be working on proposals for the 2009-2010 budget.

•We need to ask our book reps make a donation to the Faculty Senate to assist in funding our Peer Appreciation Banquet.

•Our balance is \$2856.<sup>90</sup>.

### **VI. Committee Reports-**

#### **A. Faculty Affairs and Issues/Executive Committee-**

•Met briefly today. No report.

#### **B. Professional Development Committee**

•CTC’s annual Faculty Pre-Service will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 8:00am. The keynote Speaker has been asked but has not confirmed.

- The Service Excellence Conference will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup> and will feature a Faculty track for the first time.

### **C. Social Committee** –

- Social Committee member Shane Simon reported on the annual Faculty Peer Appreciation Banquet which will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Harker Heights Homebuilders' Association starting at 6:30 pm. The banquet features a “sea cruise” theme this year, and fliers for the event were distributed and tickets were offered for sale at the price of \$15.

### **D. Elections and Awards Committee** –

- Treasurer Bob Shea noted that he is updating the “ctcd” e-mail addresses in our records, and candidates for this year’s banquet awards and next year’s offices/committees must be paid members of the Faculty Senate/Association by our February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- We have no Piper Professor nominee so far.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **A.** College Success Course Update-

- Two sections of the new course are running with about seven students in each class. Faculty from different departments are all participating in the course. Four core courses are planned for Spring 2009.

- Professors teaching the course have received wonderful testimonials from students about the usable skills that they have gained.

### **B.** Bookstore Committee Update-

- The Bookstore Committee met back in November and learned about Bookstore procedures from Gary Fuda. The members laid out their complaints, and Gary responded. We report to Instructional Services who then reports to Gary.

- For customized books, Distance Learning is part of the same process. Sharon Davis is informed about “Pivot-Link.” Anyone with concerns should send his/her inquiry to Jenny Shotwell.

### **C.** Policies and Procedures Committee Report-

- No meeting has been held.

- At the request of CTC General Counsel, James Lindley, the Faculty Senate/Association is creating a Policies and Procedures Document that would allow for changes in the Constitution and By-Laws without approval from the Board of Trustees. Currently, these documents may not be changed unless approved by the Board of Trustees.

•The Administration has confirmed that the Faculty Senate does not pay for the graduation speaker.

### **VIII. New Business**

•Dr. John Frith told about the CTC SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team, which won 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation last year.

•They are now recruiting new members from outside of the Business Department. [Some fliers were distributed.] Students can learn about SIFE, develop networking skills, learn about people in the community, and gain access to scholarships.

•The national competition this year is in Chicago. One person was offered a 60 thousand dollar a year job.

•We offer our appreciation to Chef Lezzo and his crew, from the CTC Hospitality Department, for the delicious breakfast food tray they prepared today.

### **IX. Announcements**

**A. Faculty Senate meetings:** February 27, 2009 and March 27, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Bldg. 152, the Starlight Conference Room

**B. Faculty Association meeting:** April 24, 2009 (elections), 9:00 a.m., Bldg. 113, Room 106, Criminal Justice Building

**C. Peer Appreciation Banquet:** April 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Home Builders Association Building, Harker Heights

**D. Excellence Conference:** "Enhancing Quality in Service & Education" February 6 and February 13 in Building 150.

**E. Community College Day at the Capitol:** February 19, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00pm.

**F. 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual TCCTA Convention,** February 19-21 Renaissance Austin Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin

**G. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Nursing Luncheon & Fashion Show,** April 23, 12 noon, Killeen Civic and Conference Center.

**H. Fine Arts Department**  
"Extremities" Play, January 28-29 & March 12, 13, 14.

"Once Upon a Mattress," February 9-10 & April 22, 23, 24.

### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01am.