

Central Texas College

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 28, 2008

Friday, 8:00 am

Starlight Conference Room

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome- President Dawn Green called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation- opening prayer.

II. Roll Call of members present

Secretary Shane Simon called the roll. Members Present (with the Department or Committee they represented) were: Janice Anderson (Faculty Affairs), Gordon Bacon (Prof. Development), Gordon Carmichael (Adjunct), Jon Cella (Protective Services), David Daniels (Developmental Studies), Doug Edwards (Webmaster), Lynn Forster (Social Committee), James Gebhardt (Aviation), Dawn Green (President), Pamela Hadnot (Nursing), Renee Henry (Elections & Awards), Bertha Kondrak (Professional Development), Suzanne Morales-Vale (Professional Development), Debra Prescott (Math), Robert Shea (Treasurer), Jenny Shotwell (Past President), Shane Simon (Secretary), Deba Swan (Prof. Development), Ronnie Turner (Elections & Awards), "Jack" Van Doren (Business), Delores Williams (President-Elect), Sandra Whisler (Science).

III. Reading of Minutes of the February Meeting

The Minutes of the February Meeting were approved.

IV. Officer Reports

A. President's Report: Board of Trustees' Summary- Dawn Green reported that the Chancellor had been summoned to an emergency meeting, and so he would not be at our meeting today. At our meeting in April, the Chancellor will explain the changes to be made to campus roads and parking lots. One parking lot was chewed up "in record time." Plans call for a road looping around campus. The new CTC water tower is now functional and pipes connecting the new water tower to campus cost 800 thousand. New exterior doors on the Computer Science Building cost sixteen thousand dollars. Building 118 is getting a new roof. Because of the construction on Highway 190, it is difficult for CTC students commuting from Copperas Cove to get on and off the highway to reach campus. CTC has sold property by the old airport for 3.1 billion to a group called the "Domain." Our school's audit reports for the year are very good. Also, the college has won major contracts with the Navy and the Pacific Far East and is coordinating with site directors. From Distance Education, twenty-seven continental and navy mentors met to coordinate with Central Campus programs before Spring Break. CTC has initiated a catalogue change from 60 semester hours to 66 semester hours to meet the requirements of House Bill One. CTC representatives have been meeting with their KISD and Tarleton counterparts and have developed a good working relationship. Dual credit courses, which give high school students simultaneous course credit in both high school and college, have been coordinated smoothly, but the P-16 (Pre-K through Bachelor's Degree) career-planning programs mandated by the state and Federal governments are "not a seamless transition." CTC is currently piloting three career fields—

Health/Science, Education, and Building Professions. Tarleton has new leadership and Les Ledger, Bill Alexander, and Dawn Green have met with the new person. SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) has made a donation to the CTC Foundation of an additional \$1000.

One Senate member inquired about what was going to happen to the OLD Nursing Building (the present-day Nursing/Science Building whose occupants will be moving to a new structure, not the original Nursing Building which is now the Criminal Justice Building) The fact that nothing in the plans is definite is confusing for us. It is still up-in-the-air which old buildings CTC will be fixing up and which new ones will be constructed. However, everyone is excited because there will be more space—for classrooms, for offices, for student support, for labs for Nursing, etc.

A. Treasurer's Report

Balance March, 2008

\$3,280.52

V. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Professional Development Committee-Susan Morales-Vale reported that plans for our annual Fall Pre-Service on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 are being formulated. Publisher Constance Staley of the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs will reveal marketing tools for a college Marketing class which include many valuable, real-life tips. The Professional Development Committee is also seeking TIDBIT (**T**rainning in **I**nstructional **D**evelopment **B**y **I**nnovative **T**eachers) presenters who will repeat the same ten-minute presentation several times during Pre-Service. The committee is also working on changes to the Professional Development Plan. There has been some rumbling that other entities are evaluated yearly, while we are evaluated only once every three years. As long as our current procedure complies with SACS (the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools—our accrediting organization), then it should be acceptable to all. For department heads, it takes forever to evaluate every teacher employed by the department. We also have peer evaluations and self-evaluations, as well as student evaluations. The administration sees those who are doing less than the minimum. Although some administrators know that we work hard, it helps to attend some of their functions to show we are active in the community. Faculty should report their activities each month through their department and department chairs report activities in their annual report. A senate member inquired how Professional Development is funded, because some seem to get zero funding, while others get 100%.

B. Social Committee-Committee Chair Shane Simon said that preparations are going smoothly for the annual Peer Appreciation Banquet, to be held at the Killeen Community and Civic Center on April 11, 2008 starting at 6:00 pm, featuring Elvis Presley tribute artist, Johnny Memphis. Tickets are \$15 and are available from department representatives or at the door. Sub-themes which will be reflected in the room decorations include Elvis in the Army, Elvis in the 1950's, Elvis in Hawaii, and Elvis in Las Vegas. The social hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by bar-be-que and fixin's from Big Hoss Catering and Elvis Trivia Questions (with singing) at 7:00pm. At 7:30, local Elvis tribute artist Johnny Memphis will perform. Immediately following Johnny Memphis' performance, the annual awards and numerous Elvis-centered door-prizes will be awarded. Only 44 tickets have been sold thus far, but we seem to have piqued the interest of others (judging by several inquiries) and we expect those numbers to increase to around 80.

D. Elections & Awards Committee-

We have nominees for the Peer Appreciation Awards already. We now need nominees for next year's officers and committee members. April 4th is the deadline for nominations.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. College Success Course update- Preparations for the new College Success course is moving along. The class will be different from a Developmental College Skills class. The College Success class will be a college credit course and should be transferable.

B. Bookstore – There have been meetings with Department Chairs. Departments used to give an estimated number of books expected. Changes are coming which will result in improvements in the system.

VII. New Business

- A.** Change in meeting date- April meeting moved to April 25th to correspond with CTC barbeque.
- B.** Foundation Golf Tournament- We brought in \$500 the last two years. The tournament is on April 8th, which is a Tuesday when many of us are in class. Usually, it is on a Friday or Saturday.
- C.** American Diabetes Association-Our Faculty Senate Webmaster, Doug Edwards, is riding his bike in the event and needs sponsors. Diabetes is a growing problem in America.

VIII. Announcements

A. Next meeting is April 25th at 8:00 a.m. Building 113, room 106. The Chancellor will be at this meeting and elections will be held. The April meeting was moved to April 25th to correspond with the CTC barbeque, so our members could easily attend both events.

B. Open to floor-

•The Fine Arts Department is offering a number of activities. Guitarist Rhett Butler will perform on Thursday, April 10th in the LBJ Auditorium. Music will be presented by the CTC Choir on April 22nd through 24th. The CTC Band will play at graduation.

•Les Ledger announced that SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is still selling candy. The CTC SIFE team won its last competition in three categories and is going to Chicago. The experience gives students something to put in their portfolios. SIFE has won several thousand dollars in competition.

•Shannon LaBove, CTC Speech coach, announced that the Speech Team had been very successful. In February, the Speech Team presented four Black History programs at Rancier Middle School and three programs on-campus, including "My Name is Anne Mae." In competition, CTC was champion in three areas out of eleven. Tiffany Austin was top performer. "The Night Before Nationals" had over 60 people in attendance. It was great for the Speech Team to win at a four-year national tournament.

•Gordon Bacon announced that April 19th will be a Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention training/workshop from 9:00am to 11:00am. Also, April 12th through 19th is the "Week of the Young Child." From 10 am to 1 pm there will be events at the Harker Heights Library and at Carl Levin Park in Harker Heights.

•Deba Swan has a sample grant database. Judy's office is trying to organize a grant-writers' group on-campus. There are tons of grants that we don't take advantage of. "Take Back the Night" CTC is the only campus in the area that has it. Clothesline Project hang t-shirts in the library. March around the campus. Some students read about activities in CTC's Bell tower Buzz AFTER those events have already occurred.

IX. Adjournment