

Central Texas College
Faculty Senate Minutes
Friday, March 27, 2009, 8:00 am
Starlight Conference Room

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome- President Delores Williams called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

II. Guest Speakers- Fred Chavez, Director & Outreach Coordinator, Mayborn Planetarium and Producer/Educator Chuck Rau

Fred Chavez, the Director of the Mayborn Planetarium, said the facility has been approved for a major upgrade. Some of this technology includes three or four racks with five video projectors “fully loaded with information about the known universe” that is the equivalent of “Google Earth.”

According to Mr. Chavez, faculty can help the planetarium directors by letting them know what we need for them to acquire so that they can support us in our teaching field. For example, in the Nursing field, there are video presentations for the human body, brain, heart, etcetera. Fred also noted that it is better to employ “3-D data sets that already exist” that can be acquired from vendors, rather than having to create a show from scratch. Research universities offer an abundance of “free stuff” in the fields of geology, medicine, and anthropology, among others. Many of the 3-D images/models have overlays that can add relevant statistical data. They can also show images of events as they transpire, such as forest fires in the West. Another valuable planetarium feature is an interactive clicker on which each student chooses a response and the totals for the group in each category are displayed on the screen. This instant feedback allows the instructor to survey students’ responses and to check for understanding. Fred said that he and Chuck need enough advance warning of what we want so that they can make our program the best that it can be.

With the full-dome version, the materials the Mayborn Center acquires belongs to our facility forever. Without the upgrade, materials would have to be obtained through expensive fifty-year leases, after which the material reverts to the original owner. Fred said that faculty members who want a customized show will need to spend some time with Chuck Rau.

Chuck remarked that if he and Fred are difficult to find, they are not hiding; they are busy working. They give tours to 30 thousand public school children each year, but they are here to help the college faculty as well. In May through July, they will be working on the new system. The Planetarium will send a list of their current offerings and they are also happy to customize by doing an overlay over a show that already exists. Fred Chavez and Chuck Rau are here to help us and to accommodate what we need.

III. Roll Call of members present (Shane Simon reporting)

Officers: Delores Williams (<i>President</i>), Jenny Shotwell (<i>President-Elect</i>), Shane Simon (<i>Secretary</i>), Robert Shea (<i>Treasurer</i>),

Faculty Affairs & Issues: Jan Anderson(<i>Chair</i>), John Frith,
Faculty Professional Development: Gordon Bacon, Bertha Kondrak, Suzanne Morales-Vale,
Social Committee: Les Ledger (<i>Chair</i>), Shane Simon
Elections & Awards: [none]
Adjunct Representatives: Lynn Forster (<i>Academic</i>)
Library: Ina Kelly
Departmental Representatives: Gerold van Doren (<i>Business & Hospitality</i>), Bethany Winkler (<i>Communications/Radio-TV</i>), Barbara Little (<i>Developmental Studies</i>), Gordon Bacon (<i>Early Childhood Prof</i>), Jan Anderson (<i>ESL</i>), Tim Gohdes (<i>Industrial Tech</i>), Bertha Kondrak (<i>Mental Health</i>), Lovie Dunn (<i>Office Technology</i>)

IV. Approval of Minutes of the February 27, 2009 Meeting (Shane Simon reporting)

Gordon Bacon moved that the February 27, 2009 Minutes be approved. Jan Anderson seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

V. Officer Reports

A. President's Report- Board of Trustees Mtg.—3/9/09 Summary (Delores Williams reporting)

- As was requested by the faculty, the Faculty Senate was added to the agenda items under the Chancellor's Report.
- The Board approved budgetary items and expenditures for programs and elections. One contract is pending.
- The Board also approved an increase in dormitory room and board rate beginning Fall 2009.
- They approved Board Document #366, Revision 2, "Policy and Position Paper-Intellectual Property."
- Also approved was Board Document #410, "Resolution to Hold a Joint Election with the Cities of Nolanville, Harker Heights, Killeen, Copperas Cove, and the Killeen Independent School District," AND the contract to conduct a joint election for the Central Texas College Board of Trustees early voting April 27, 2009 through May 5, 2009, and general election to be held on May 9, 2009.
- Condolences were extended to the family of the CTC faculty member who succumbed aboard ship this month.
- A workshop will be held to discuss the updating of the Student Union Building.
- Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

C. Treasurer's Report (Bob Shea reporting)

- Treasurer Bob Shea reported that we have a balance of \$2509.²⁰.
- He reported that there would be some expenses, including \$500 for the golf tournament and \$250 for the awards and plaques for the Peer Appreciation Banquet.
- Bob also said that we needed good participation in the Peer Appreciation Banquet so that the expenses and proceeds would even out. Jack Van Doren

moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Gordon Bacon seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Faculty Professional Development Committee-(Suzanne Morales-Vale)

- Next year is a faculty evaluation year. Dean Mikles liked the idea of staggered evaluation years with one-third of the faculty evaluated each time. This new approach would be implemented at the discretion of department chairs. Department chairs should like the new format because it would relieve them of having to evaluate all their faculty in the same year.

- We need to make our monthly report public so that everyone can see how active we are. Sharon Collins synthesizes the departmental reports for Dr. Anderson. We need a link on Newslink to Barbara Merlo's server.

- The impression of the administration is that we are not active in the community. At the wine-tasting for KNCT, Dr. Anderson noticed that not many faculty members were there.

- One senator said that the Chancellor was disappointed that so few CTC faculty members are officers or committee members of TCCTA.

- Another faculty member claimed that one reason that we lack participation in TCCTA is that we are "under budgeted."

- The administration may not understand that CTC faculty members serve on TCCTA committees, and then get off. No one has run for a TCCTA office since Gary Turner.

- Another concern is that the faculty members do not eat lunch in the cafeteria. Senator's responses included that Faculty members do not dislike the food; we are either in-class, working, or eating lunch in their offices so they can keep their office hours.

- There will be a Professional Development meeting after the Faculty Senate meeting today.

- The annual Fall Pre-Service will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 with a bar-be-que lunch and a dessert bar in the afternoon. Associate Dean, Guidance & Counseling, David McClure has promised that faculty will be freed from the responsibility of working registration during the time that our Pre-service is being conducted.

C. Social Committee – (Les Ledger reporting)

- Archie Mathis and Bonnie Mathis of Arboniche's Fine Catering will be providing jerk chicken and pork roast as the main courses at the Peer Appreciation Banquet which will be held on April 17, 2009 at the Central Texas Homebuilders' Association Building in Harker Heights, Texas. Side dishes will include rice and peas. Beverages will include iced tea and water; members can also BYOB. We need to know how many vegetarians will be eating eggplant instead. Arboniche's will charge \$11.⁵⁰ per plate and the total price of tickets is \$15.⁰⁰

- Les said that we received contributions from two book companies: Cengage and McGraw-Hill.

- Tickets for the Peer Appreciation Banquet are available through Faculty Senate department representatives or officers for only \$15 per person for a meal and entertainment.

- Gordon Bacon offered to help with decorating and Jan Anderson offered to help clean-up.

D. Elections and Awards Committee –

- Only two nominations for the Peer Appreciation Banquet awards. Ballots for selecting our officers and committee members for next year will be out soon.

VII. Old Business

- Bertha Kondrak updated the Senate on the College Success Course, has had no drops or withdraws since last update.
- No Bookstore meetings therefore no updates. There have been presentations about e-texts.
- Policy Procedures has met and has gone through the first half of the constitution. In their next meeting, they will discuss the by-laws. Next meeting is scheduled before our Association meeting.
- Four individuals that have come forward to play for our two slots. Jack Van Doren and Bob Shea will determine those players.
- During a meeting the Dean Mikles, it was confirmed that the activities report that is filled out monthly by the Dept. chairs is distributed quarterly to the Board of Trustees. Since the Faculty Senate is on the meeting agendas now, we will announce anything you like the Board members to know. We will see about getting a link added to Bruce Vasbinder's Newslink.

VIII. New Business-

- One free membership for adjuncts will be given as a door prize to any attending the pre-service.
- SIFE Garage Sale – please get donations to Jan. Watch for emails.

IX. Announcements-

- A. Faculty Association: Apr. 24, 2009 (elections), 9 a.m., Bldg. 113, Room 106
- B. Peer Appreciation Banquet: Apr. 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Home Builders Association Building, Harker Heights
- C. 40th Anniversary of the Department of Nursing Luncheon & Fashion Show, April 23, 12 noon, Killeen Civic and Conference Center
- D. Fall Preservice, August 26, 2009, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- E. Sponsor Our Webmaster in the 2009 Tour de Cure May 30-31

X. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.