

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

April 21, 2006 9:00 a.m. Building 113, Room 106

Officers present: Les Ledger, Christina Michura, Melissa Richardson, Monika Bender
Officers not present: Doug Edwards

Call to order:

Les Ledger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed visitor Bill Kohl, former director of CTC Hospitality, and thanked Richard Hindman for the ranch breakfast.

Guest speaker:

Mourad Sebti, CTC Economics Professor, presented a lecture on the US Economy. Positives about the US economy include a positive Dow Jones Industrial Average and strong GDP. We have a low unemployment rate (4.7%), low interest rates and high consumer confidence. In the long-run, we have strong financial resources and strong potential economic growth. Interestingly, research and development are coming from private industry more than from government industry. Our weaknesses are our increasing dependence on oil and our deficit trade balance. Our national debt is rising and is increasingly owned by foreign investors. We outsource many jobs, and the projection is that by 2015 3,314,000 jobs are projected to be lost overseas. The jobs lost used to be low paid jobs; today we are losing jobs typically reserved for highly qualified workers. Dr. Frith responded that we insource more than we outsource, and the strong state of our economy suggests that the current outsourcing pattern is not harmful.

Ms. Annabelle Smith of the OFA/VA announced that we our recent switch to Datatel is revealing problems in grade reporting, and this can affect Financial Aid reports. Faculty are encouraged to withdraw students as soon as possible when they stop coming to class and to post grades in as timely manner as possible. If a student cannot finish in a timely manner, give that student an IP. We are required by federal law to report the last date of attendance within a thirty day timeframe of the last time the student did anything in that class. If the student stops attending in Feb, but he or she is not withdrawn until May, then CTC is in violation of financial aid law. Mr. Patton asked why we do not have the ability to withdraw students through Webadvisor. Ms. Smith suggested that this is a registrar issue, and that the faculty senate could take up that issue with the registrar. She said faculty could call her at x1559 with questions.

Minutes

Delores Williams noted that she is the “Point of Contact” not an “Advisor” for the March of Dimes walk on May 6. The March minutes were approved with changes.

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was approved as published.

Standing Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee: Shane Simon reported that the FE1 and FE6 forms for the professional development plan are due soon; getting ready to

Faculty Affairs: Christina Michura reported that the Peer Appreciation Banquet would start at 6:00.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee collected the ballots for the election.

Old business:

Adjunct email report: Les Ledger reports that this is going to be very difficult to do.

Members of the faculty senate Discussion ensues that we feel like this can be done. Colly Patton, Suzanne Morales, Jenny Shea and others will contact Bruce Kendall about this.

Audit report – we did not do well. We have the money, but have some errors in accounting because we wrote checks without receipts.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee announced the results of the election:

Faculty Senate Officers:

Christina Michura: President

Aida Sapp: President-Elect

Monika Bender: Secretary

Jenny Shea: Treasurer

Announcements:

Melissa Richardson announced the publication of *Byways*, and encouraged faculty to attend the reading in the library.

John Frith announced that SIFE team won all six of its recent events and has donated \$22,500 to the scholarship fund

Delores Williams announced the March of Dimes walk on May 6 and Relay for Life on May 12 .

Collier Patton announced that the speech team just returned from nationals and several students won awards. The team won bronze overall in debate

Kim Olson performed her POI on child development.

Joanne San Miguel discussed the CTC fitness challenge. We had 225 participants and lost a total of 890 pounds, 1155 inches, and 27% of body fat. The overall team winners were the Faith Walking Divas. With 6 people, they lost of total of 80 pounds. The male winners were Doug Edwards, Joe Hogan and Raymond Wan. The female winners were Elizabeth Mallett, Beth Knowles, and Tara Janes.

Les Ledger sang “Texas, Oh Texas.”

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The next faculty senate meeting will be on Thursday, August 24 after the pre-service.