

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2004 9:00 AM

Present: Officers: Jim Sisson (President), Les Ledger (President-elect), Monika Bender (Treasurer), Doug Edwards (Webmaster)
 ?? Faculty Members

Call to Order: President Sisson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Treasurer's Report: \$2191.³¹ after dispersements.

After announcing that the minutes from our August meeting were posted on our website, <http://www.ctcfacultysenate.org>, and accepting the treasure's report from Monika Bender, Faculty Senate President Dr. Jim Sisson introduced our Guest Speaker, CTC Chancellor Dr. James Anderson.

After both extending and receiving a warm welcome, Dr. Anderson discussed how the "Unusual world situation," has affected CTC's campuses throughout the world, including the Far East, Europe, the Navy, the Continental Campus, and Local Area Campuses (Central Campus, Ft. Hood, Gatesville and the surrounding area.) In the Far East, CTC is doing well, although finding enough instructors is difficult. CTC's Headquarters north of Seoul will soon have to move south of Seoul. In Europe, if some troops now stationed in Europe are brought home to be re-assigned to American posts, then General Bell has promised that it will **only** be to areas with good school systems. CTC has a ten-year service contract in Europe, guaranteeing our continuing presence. Some volatile areas, such as Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq offer special challenges, but nine teachers (including six women) have volunteered to teach in Iraq. Qatar is a safe haven for many troops, the Royal Family is friendly, and so CTC will be negotiating with the Prince. After 32 years, the Dean in Europe is retiring and will be difficult to replace. The Navy campus made money, although getting books to ships and providing security create special challenges. Kudos were extended to Jim Yeonopolus for a job well-done. The Continental campus is headed by Bill Alexander who also received praise from the Chancellor. About 95 percent of the troops in Hawaii have been deployed in one of the biggest exoduses of soldiers in many years. Many troops have returned to Ft. Riley and Ft. Stewart. Large numbers of language specialists are needed to join the 166 linguists who are already employed who together speak twenty-four different languages. In the Local Area (Central Campus, Ft. Hood, Gatesville, and area campuses), enrollment is up during a critical time, because this is a funding cycle. One challenge we face is the senior personnel turnover in Datatel, the company which provides our registration software system. E-Army U is expanding to world-wide enrollment and CTC will partner with companies, such as IBM, which has excellent proposals, but we won't partner exclusively with just IBM. After seven years of negotiations, the Army has agreed to swap land CTC has purchased in Gatesville in exchange for land adjacent to our campus that CTC would like to have. Although CTC agreed on a five year rent agreement with Tarleton, discussion is continuing about the Tarleton librarian who answers to College Station, not to CTC. At the October 5th Legislative Budget Board for Community Colleges, made up of 50 college Presidents, most reports were negative suggesting we should expect only 95% of last year's budget. School's insurance rates are going up as the state tries not to pay as much for us in insurance. The Chancellor praised a presentation made by a lady from the company that took over our QPP

(Qualified Pension Plan). QEP (Quality Enhancement Program) training will be held on October 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th, and all employees are required to attend one session. When the SACS accreditation committee comes, we all should know that QEP is **NOT** QPP. So far, the paperwork we have submitted is excellent. The Chancellor also praised Suzanne Morales and Jan Anderson without whom “we wouldn’t have a plan.”

The Piper Professor Committee reported that there would be no nominee from CTC this year because of how much paperwork is involved and the nearness of the deadline (November 15). Instead the plan is for us to choose our nominee this Spring, and begin working on the paperwork for him or her so that we can nominate the same person for the next three years. Evidently, those schools that are successful in their Piper Professor nominations usually employ this strategy of nominating the same person several years in a row.

Les Ledger reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee had no report.

Gordon Bacon reported for the Professional Development Committee that CTC Faculty liked having only a single day of Professional Development orientation at the beginning of the Fall Semester. Our guest speaker received a mixed response; while many liked his message about academics, some objected to his “spicy language.”

David Coleman reported for the Executive Committee that we must choose a CTC faculty member to deliver the Spring Graduation Commencement speech this year and “lock in” that person.

President Jim Sisson reported that an in-depth article critiquing Distance Education programs (teaching on-line) is currently running in the TCCTA Messenger. Dr. Phyllis Sisson reminded faculty that she is a member of the TCCTA Legislative Committee, if anyone needs information or wants to become involved in the organization. Juanita Smith reported for an Ad Hoc Committee which has met since last year, and Maria Bravo volunteered to be the committee’s statistician.

In Old Business, Faculty Senate members were encouraged to join TCCTA if they haven’t already. For \$75, members can get 2 million dollars worth of insurance. During the TCCTA meeting in February in Austin, we are reminded to visit our state legislators to let them know that we want to keep our insurance funding. The TCCTA Messenger is a good source of information for our members. The TCCTA GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Students) sessions in February are not all set, and volunteers who want to share their teaching techniques with peers are needed. We should make our presence felt at TCCTA as college teachers from Texas. The Annual TCCTA Leadership Conference will be held in Austin on October 15 – 16 and Dean Michaels usually supports the activity. Phyllis Sisson reminded members that she is on the Education Committee for TCCTA and the most important factors we need to emphasize to the state legislature are funding and health care.

The Peer Appreciation banquet will once again need members to volunteer to do the decorating. The work of last year’s group was praised.

The dates of future Faculty Senate meetings will be posted on the Faculty Senate Web site.

Suzanne Morales announced the times and dates of several one-hour sessions of QEP training October 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th. CTC employees are required to attend only one session:

- Friday, October 1, 2004 8:00-9:00 150/1075
- Friday, October 1, 2004 9:15-10:15 150/1075
- Friday, October 1, 2004 10:30-11:30 150/1075
- Saturday, October 2, 2004 10:00-11:00 152/101
- Friday, October 8, 2004 9:00-10:00 152/101
- Saturday, October 9, 2004 8:00-9:00 152/101

Jan Anderson briefly explained what the Developmental Studies area was doing to teach their students more about what to expect when the SACS committee visits campus. The QEP Core Committee members were recognized.

In general announcements, John Frith told us that eleven members of his award-winning SIFE team will receive special awards which will be presented by Congressman John Carter.

Peg Lyons announced that the last week of September celebrates the American Library Association's Banned Book Week, when everyone can enjoy reading materials which were censored by someone else.

The Patio Café is open with "culinary delights," on Monday through Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00 if we are "rushed for lunch."

Gordon Bacon announced that 23 scholarships are being offered in Child Development with funding provided by the publication of Gordon's book which is published by Red Book Press.

Jan Anderson expressed appreciation for the support of the International Student Services Office has been given by counselors and faculty.

After Les Ledger had members draw to see who won the door prizes (including accommodations at a bed & breakfast), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Simon for
Celinda Hallbauer, Secretary