

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING September 22, 2006

Officers present: Jenny Shotwell (President-Elect), Monika Bender (Secretary), Doug Edwards (Webmaster).

Call to Order

As the position of the President was vacant and the past President Les Ledger was unable to attend, he asked Jenny Shotwell, President-Elect to conduct the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Speaker

CTC Chancellor Dr. Anderson addressed the Faculty Senate. He discussed the budget for the upcoming 2006-2007 fiscal year, the approved Master Facility Plan, and the falling enrollment numbers.

CTC Board of Trustees approved a \$140 million budget plan. This plan includes no increase in tuition rates for in-district students. Of fifty community colleges statewide, our in-district tuition ranks 39th, Temple ranks 5th, and ACC, even with its huge tax base, ranks 15th. In addition, the district tax rate has been lowered, for the ninth time in ten years. CTC tax rate ranks 25th, out of the 50 community colleges (Temple ranks 13th). Full-time employees received an average of a 6.8% salary increase this fall. How is this possible? One third of the money comes from contracts – 146 million. Bad news: The budget is down from last year's 150 million. This is because of the government rule that the Prime must do 51% of work (small business rules) and because any organization with a budget larger than 6 million can not be a main bidder. We – CTC – bid for everything, in order to, at least, get a chance at winning partial bids. There is good news: The 10-year Europe contract is excluded from new rules and, thus, is and will remain our contract.

The Master Facility Plan includes construction of a water tower, a 2.8 million dollar project; this will solve the problem arising from the inadequate fire suppression system. The re-routing of existing campus roads will provide for easier access onto campus and will improve students' mobility around campus. Under consideration is the main entrance onto the campus, off Clear Creek Road. The dining facilities and the bookstore will be expanded and housed in a multi-story building, together with the offices of Project Pass.

Enrolments are down. The calculation formula that the Legislature uses combines data from even year Summer/Fall semesters and odd year Spring semester enrollments. Dr. Anderson stated that our enrollments are down by 2.3 million, which translates into 348,000 contact hours at a rate of \$6.60 per hour. Dr. Anderson pointed out that the challenges are increasing enrollments and decreasing expenditures. Our goals are to accomplish the following:

- develop alternative delivery modes for all courses,
- transition to un-proctored exams; the army is closing testing centers,
- an all-time high Spring 07 enrollment,
- improve Datatel
- make textbooks less costly by customizing (MBS) , and
- ask the Legislature for appropriations via TACC (<http://www.tacc.org/tacc.html>).

Al Waite raised the question of what motivated the Board to lower the tax rate. Dr. Anderson explained that the rate decrease served as a nice political signal.

Doug Edwards asked if we are at the brink. Dr. Anderson stated that we are ahead and will be getting more money.

Jane Perchbach noted that there exist numerous grants available and asked if CTC has a Grant. We do not. Dr. Anderson agreed that we should be looking at grants. He pointed out that we will see an incredible emphasis on grants soon.

Pam Boivie spoke about the upcoming Transfer Day, October 31st, taking place in the Fine Arts building 9:30-11 am. Over 30 colleges and universities in Texas and from out of state will be represented. Pam Boivie asked for the cooperation of faculty in getting the word out. Students will benefit from attending. They will ultimately save time and money because they will receive valuable information.

Sharon Pate informed the Faculty Senate of the QEP Open House on Wednesday, September 27, featuring over twenty displays. She mentioned the Action Plan Template, and she asked for participation.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes: April 2006 meeting minutes need to include the election results and the treasurer's report. Al Waite made the motion to add the election results and the treasurer report. John Frith seconded the motion.

Pre-service expenses exceeded the originally approved amount \$500 by \$62.96. Robert Shea made a motion to approve the additional amount, to reimburse the people who have paid the bill, and John Frith seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Balance April 21, 2006	<u>\$3,144.79</u>
Receipts	
Banquet - tickets	1,345.00
Total receipts	\$1,345.00
Disbursements	
Plaques	205.00
KCCC, room - 2nd half amount	137.50
Printing	48.60
Catering	1,050.00
Decorations	49.30
Gift cards	247.85
Karaoke 1st prize	50.00
Total disbursements	\$1,788.25
Balance July 31, 2006	<u>\$2,701.54</u>

In order to make the treasurer's report suitable for viewing with an overhead projector, the report was prepared on two pages. The second page follows.

Balance July 31, 2006	<u>\$2,701.54</u>
Receipts	
Dues	195.00
Total receipts	\$195.00
Disbursements	
Receipt book	7.57
Printing – Preservice	66.00
Preservice 2006	500.00
Total disbursements	\$573.57
Balance Sep 22, 2006	<u>\$2,322.97</u>

The report was approved as published.

Ad Hoc Amendment Committee

Due to the vacancies in the officers' positions, Jan Anderson and Suzanne Morales-Vale, past presidents, organized a meeting with Les Ledger, Monika Bender, Jenny Shotwell, Christina Michura (president leaving), Aida Sap (president-elect leaving), during the summer. The Ad Hoc Committee was asked to amend both the Constitution and the nomination process. The proposed amendments and nomination forms, emailed twice to all faculty members, produced no feedback, at all. Jenny Shotwell (president-elect appointed by the attending members, summer meeting) received two nominations for Treasurer and four for President. Three nominees declined and the fourth nomination was for Jenny. Jenny Shotwell accepted the nomination; She was elected President, during the meeting. Shane Simon was elected Treasurer.

The Ad Hoc Committee suggested that the position of President-elect be kept vacant this year. Faculty expressed concerns. Robert Shea suggested and made a motion to ask for nominations for President-elect and for elections to be held during next month's meeting. As a part of the motion, the rule of a 30-day period is to be reduced to 15 days this one time. The amendments will be posted online and some information about the nominees will be provided. The motion was approved.

New Business

Meeting Dates for the 2006-2007 year have been set according to the academic calendar – details online.

TCCTA membership: Jan Anderson is the representative for this year - ask Jan, or renew online at <http://www.tccta.org/>

Jenny asked Garold Vandoren to audit the 2005-6 records to be completed by October 31st. Al Waite made a motion, Bob Shea seconded the motion.

The Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for the Graduation Speaker.

The Professional Development Committee reported on the results from the Pre-service evaluations – absolutely positive comments.

QEP report: Presently we are in Phase Two of QEP, and comparative data is required. Ad Hoc Volunteers are needed to consider departmental final exams, for worldwide use. We need to obtain data documenting progress results. The goal is to provide Sharon Pate with a workable model by December of this year.

Announcements

Al Waite spoke of the need for new ideas to increase endowments for Foundation Scholarships.

Dave McClure stated that the initiative for early warning system will be improved and that a new individual is taking it over. Dave McClure welcomed Cecilia Moreno-Shotwell, a new member of the Guidance and Counseling department.

John Frith stated that SIFE team needs help, from all disciplines. The team has earned its fourth place nation-wide and has put CTC SIFE first among Texas community colleges.

Jenny Shotwell encouraged our participation in the monthly Patio Café Cuisine Night hosted by CTC culinary arts students.

The second CTC Psychology Symposium will be held on Wednesday, Oct 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Planetarium. Dr. Robert Feldman, associate dean in the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Massachusetts, will present “The Truth About Lying: The Lies We Tell in Everyday Life.”

Deba Swan encouraged participation in the Banned Books exhibition taking place in the library during September 25 to September 27.

Suzanne Morales-Vale thanked Dean McClure for excusing faculty volunteers from registration services on the day of the Pre-service, allowing faculty to attend the program.

Gordon Bacon reported that 73 scholarships in the amount of \$100 each were awarded to Early Childhood students this semester.

Jenny Shotwell thanked KNCT for providing us with the door prizes.

Adjournment

President Shotwell adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.