

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for attendance at this meeting.
- II. The April 2009 minutes were approved. Les Ledger moved and Jack Van Doran seconded. The August 2009 were approved and seconded.
- III. Officer's Reports
 - A. President's Report
 1. The Board meeting will be reported next meeting.
 2. Delores Williams will report Board meetings for future Faculty Senate meetings.
 - B. Treasurer's Report as reported by Jenny Shotwell, President, for Robert Shea, Treasurer
 1. Membership- currently 71 full time and 21 part time have signed up with ongoing enrollment
 2. As of August 17th, \$1814.20 in account; made a deposit of \$760.00; total in account \$2574.20
 3. Jan Anderson moved to accept Treasurer's report. Jack Van Doran seconded
 4. Barbara Little and a representative from Office Technology will audit our books this year.
- IV. Peter Knightes reported on his participation in the Oxford University Roundtable symposium in January 2009 entitled "Science and Religion After Darwin".
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Faculty Affairs - looking at faculty surveys given out at preservice
 - B. Professional Development- They are beginning to meet again this school year. Will be looking at the preservice evaluation. Announcement about the Diversity Conference on October 9, 2009 and Service Excellence Conference in the Spring. Reminder it is an evaluation year and this committee will looking at any necessary changes with Dean Mickles. Jane Zimmerman has expressed an interest in getting a session together for discussions on topics left over from the preservice.
 - C. Social Committee –They are waiting for the results of the survey to see what social activities the faculty wants.
 - D. Elections Committee- They are working on the Piper Award. It will be on the CTC web site soon, so please look and nominate someone.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Bookstore Committee- The group has not met recently. Send questions/concerns to Sandra Whisler. Faculty also brought in that it seems helpful to email Gary Fuda about

anticipated number of books needed each semester. Dawn Green brought in a related topic- Cengage has recently signed an agreement with Amazon.com to provide textbooks to be used on the Kindle.

- B. Faculty Senate Survey- The Executive Committee and Faculty Affairs continue to look at it and execute recommendations from the survey to pass on to the Faculty Senate.

VII. New Business

- A. Changes in the cafeteria this school year is effecting the students adversely(Students can only eat in the dining room-no food brought out of the dining room; snack bar cannot be used on meal plan; partitioned area of DR for dorm students to eat). As far as we can tell there was no input from Students or Student Life in regards to these changes. Jan Anderson would like to submit an inquiry about these changes with support from Faculty Senate. The members supported this move. A similar concern is the recent change in this catalog in regards to absences. A question to ask-“How are policies made and approved on campus?” Jenny Shotwell has volunteered to find out who has the responsibility in regards to this change in policy and invite them to Faculty Senate for a Q & A. Suzanne Morales-Vale announced she will be inquiring about sick leave policy.

- B. Announcements

Faculty Senate is looking at some type of event for recognition of our adjunct faculty. On 9/24/09 Fine Arts will have a classical guitar concert.

Memorial Walk will now cover casualties from 1990s until the present. We are waiting for the architects for final design. The location is near the Gym by the softball field.

Psyc 1300 (Learning Frameworks) course is doing well. There are 3 classes this semester. Although the course is designed for first time college students we are getting students with lots of college credits. Although they are getting a lot out of it we continue to want the focus to be on 1st time college students. The Library and SIFE continue to be an active part of the classes. We want to brainstorm and take suggestions of ways to get more 1st time students. Contact Mental Health Services Department with any ideas.

Child Development introduced new faculty, Laura Daniels-Simmonds, and announced that there is 100% involvement from faculty (including adjuncts).They are able to still offer 4 scholarships thus year and were recently awarded a grant from the Texas Workforce.

SIFE are competing against 4 year schools now so are needing bigger projects so are asking for suggestions from faculty. Announced they are always looking for new student and faculty members.

KNCT IS HAVING A WINE TASTING EVENT January 2010. \$40 tickets can be bought from Les Ledger

Suzanne Morales-Vale reported on MOD from Executive Committee on choosing a Graduation speaker & the honoriam and a monthly report about Faculty activities. Dawn Green moved to send memo to the Dean, Gordon Bacon seconded.

VIII. Adjournment Jan Anderson moved the meeting be adjourned, Dawn Green seconded. The meeting was closed at 9:09 a.m.

Submitted by,

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