

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

March 24, 2016, 3:00-4:00 in G 102

I. Call to Order - at 3:01

II. Approval of Minutes from 2.25.2016 – approved as is.

III. Reports from Committees

- a. \$700 remaining in the Faculty Senate President’s Emergency Fund – last fund approved was for a truck wheelchair repair for a student who recently got stuck for several hours.

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Classroom phones – new police chief wanted to replace the phones currently in classrooms because of wasted man hours. Faculty on campus have expressed they would prefer to keep them as-is (auto-dialing to police). This is on hold, pending further discussion.
- b. Faculty Resource Center and College Budget – Per Dr. Riley’s forum, funding was cut. Optimally, the person hired to manage the Faculty Resource Center will start in the summer so that s/he will be ready to start in the fall.
- c. Best Semester - The Fall 2016 list has been sent to professors, chairs, deans – Mike Green shared the correct Fall & Spring (2015-16) list and potential faculty have been notified that they were on the initial list. The desire is for faculty to have more accountability for the Best Semester projects and is well-suited for professional development travel projects. Some divisions have been able to use both Best Semester travel stipends and division funding, with the division covering expenses beyond the \$1,800 Best Semester award. Whether the faculty recipient chooses the course release or the travel stipend, the course release or \$1800 to travel should be equal. If a faculty wants to travel in the spring and is awarded in the fall, that faculty member should notify the committee of the plan to travel in the spring so that the funds are held for that trip. The application form is due March 31st, although the form is not available yet. Committee members include Mike Green, Rajiv Malkan, William Morgan, Julie Alber, Earl Holt, Joe Garza and Mike Sunderman.
- d. Cubicles in Testing Center – Cubicles were installed and are currently being used.
- e. Clarification for off-campus extra credit options for students. Faculty are encouraged to carefully consider the offer of extra credit to students to participate in politically-themed events. Concerns include the free use of our students as labor as well as good community relations.

V. **New Business**

- a. April Meeting Luncheon - Karen suggests we use funds to provide a luncheon (sandwiches and desserts) for the April Faculty Senate Meeting (next one is April 28th).
- b. Intellectual Property Policy Changes – Changes in the current Intellectual Property Policy include faculty who are in the Arts and English disciplines having more opportunity to maintain their intellectual property rights than faculty in the sciences. Not fair that faculty in the sciences cannot have the intellectual property rights for their inventions/discoveries, and there is no mechanism in place for helping students continue to develop science-related intellectual property. This will slow down or even stop student development of patent-worthy research and since it is retroactive can impact students currently in the process of licensing intellectual property created during the Intellectual Property Policy being replaced.
- c. Tony Fuller: Recognition of deceased faculty/staff with a physical memorial.
 - i. **Motion made by Tony Fuller: Form a permanent, physical memorial for deceased faculty and staff who have made a significant contribution, to be determined by a committee, to Lone Star College-Montgomery and forward the idea for funding it to the LSC-Montgomery administration.** (Multiple amendments made, and the motion carries unanimously.)
 - ii. This proposed memorial is different than the current memorial garden which contains three memorial plaques. This would be a dedicated wall of some type on which future deceased faculty/staff who have contributed much to LSC-Montgomery could have their name and tenure added to a piece of art. Coordination of the current memorial garden and faculty in the future who would be added to the art is a concern. Visibility of the memorial is a concern. Another suggestion was made to leave the current memorial garden as it is, but perhaps a redesign of the garden could incorporate the current and the potential memorial art.

VI. **Announcements**

- a. Intellectual Property Policy Committee will meet on Monday, March 28th, at 12:00 pm in B 221a.
- b. Library Advisory Committee will meet Monday, March 28th at 2:30pm in F-114. All faculty are welcome
- c. HealthierU Events on April 6, 7, 8 and HealthierU Committee Events include a silent basket auction The purpose of this event is to get students to work together to generate money for scholarships; all proceeds go to student scholarships. Faculty are encouraged to invite their students to participate, particularly by enjoying turkey subways on April 7, 10-2pm.

- d. Civil Rights in the Workplace Training happens April 7th, 2-4pm in G-102. Guest speaker is Joe Bontke from the EEOC.
- e. Nominate students to present at CAC by next week. Dr. Riley will be the keynote speaker.
- f. International Education Conference is on April 2nd at the System Office – the theme centers on our environmental impact
- g. Free tax preparation for anyone on campus, including the community, April 17th is the last day.
- h. International Education Conference – the first 100 students to register will be registered for free

VII. Meeting Adjourned at: 3:57

Angela Colmenares, Acting Secretary