



Faculty Senate

## AGENDA

### Faculty Senate Meeting

Feb.16, 2017

- I. Call to Order: 3:00pm
- II. Good News
  - a. News – Congrats to Cliff Hudder, who was inducted into Texas Institute of Letters and Robbie Wood who won an award for his work with a homeless non-profit.
  - b. Welcome New Faculty and Senators
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Memorial report – Will have a report from this committee in March.
  - b. Best Semester – Many have received notification of eligibility and the application process. BS will be awarded to 2 people per division, 1 from Conroe, 1 from Library, & 1 from Counselors. Please apply. You can get a release or travel funds. Mike to resend information tomorrow and the deadline is 2/24.
- IV. President's Update
  - a. Counselors' Task Force – Last June the Counselor reorganization was met with negative feedback from faculty and in November, thanks to the work of the Counselor's Task Force, they were reassigned. There was a handout at the meeting with all of their new assignments.
  - b. Proctors for online classes – There are 2 proctoring systems available to us: Smarter Proctoring and Proctor U.
  - c. Title IX Training: the good, the bad, and the ugly – Mandated training due to past issues. There was a rush for us to complete it as someone had dropped the ball and didn't tell us about training when they should have. LSC has 6300 employees. By the January 9<sup>th</sup> deadline, 800 people had not taken the training. They were notified and told they would be fired if they did not complete it by 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. There were 124 at 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline who had still not taken it. In the end, everyone completed it and no full-time faculty were fired. 26 adjuncts were let go and 1 contract employee was terminated due to not taking the training. Every year we will take training. They know your scores and what you missed.
  - d. Attendance in I-Star and withdrawals—Some faculty want to be able to complete attendance in i-Star and notification of withdrawals from their classes. We can now take role and we get notifications of withdrawals.
  - e. Financial Aid Fines – We are fined if a student gets financial aid and withdraws and doesn't come back. Because we cannot get money back from them, we have to pay that money back. We are taking more steps to prevent this issue. Stay tuned.
  - f. D2L-Recertification – If you got a notification about needing to take D2L recertification, don't bother. We are in process of potentially getting a new LMS. Contract portion is done, demonstrations up next for committee.
  - g. Surveys of deans, vice presidents and president – They have been sent to deans, VPs and presidents for review. The plan is for them to be administered right after spring break. You will probably receive an e-mail from Helen Clougherty with instructions on how to complete them. You will be able to review your VP, dean and the president.

Chancellor gets president's surveys, President gets VPs, and VPs get deans. We will not see results.

- h. Campus carry—faculty offices – They are at the point of making recommendations of how to implement new laws. Today we got notification of a gun falling out of a bag at CyFair and discharging (no one was hurt). Still looking at personal offices and if we can choose to make our offices gun-free. There are issues that violate some points of the law (i.e. not being able to ask if someone is carrying). It was suggested to make sure the students are informed about consequences. We are having lots of information sessions on campus, but it was suggested to specifically get Texas Law Shield to come present.
  - i. Free speech zones and New bathroom construction – Any protests must occur in the free speech zones on campus. The board voted to include Gender Neutral bathrooms in all buildings.
  - j. Assist international students and families with seminars – Info sessions & workshops being held on campus to help international students understand the impact of new governmental policies on them.
  - k. Food in the Follett cafeteria – Karen received a complaint about no fresh food being offered anymore. Karen sent around a legal pad for people to write comments on about food on campus and she will pass it on.
- V. Old Business
- a. Organizational Charts – We have new Student Success and Instruction org charts. F203 is going to be used for the new professional development position. The committee is down to 2 finalists for this position.
  - b. Child Care Center – We are hoping to have it open again in Fall. We have a contract we are hoping will go through.
- VI. New Business
- a. Elections for 2017-19
    - i. Online? It has been a hassle to have a box in wellness center to vote for which we have to staff. Do we want to go online? Tomball did it online through a program and it worked well.
      - 1. **Motion: Try BallotBin program for elections (approved by acclimation)**
    - ii. Election Judges: One from each division is needed. Karen to send out call 2/17 and then we will put out a call for officers for the next 2 years. Adjuncts will be a separate election and will vote for their senators within divisions. Please think about running. Election judges cannot run for office.
  - b. Issues for Travel, Field Trips? The paperwork for fieldtrips are cumbersome. It was discussed how approval takes forever, the process is not clear and forms get sent back with requests for more info that isn't a part of the initial request process. What is the official policy and process?
    - i. **Motion: We would like clearer guidelines for Travel & Field Trips and a timelier process (approved by acclimation)**
  - c. Pathways – New initiative designed to get students to have clearer choices and have them graduate faster (i.e. on-time). They are creating metamajors and building into the system alerts for students if they try to register for a class that isn't a part of their metamajors. We have pushed back on that. It is going along with a drive to get matriculation deals with other schools.
- VII. Announcements

- a. Library Faculty Exchange Meeting-Angela Colmenares **Monday 2/27 3-4 pm in F114.**  
**This an opportunity for you to be updated on what is going on in the Library and provide feedback.**

**Officers:** President: Karen Buckman | Vice President: Habib Far | Secretary: Michele Richey

**BASS Senators:** Amy Curry | Craig Livingston | Phil McCue / Matt Nelson

**BELS Senators:** Tony Fuller | Martina Kusi-Mensah | Mark Whitten/ Gloria Kessler

**NASH Senators:** Janeu Houston | John Kleist | Mattie McCowen /Josephine Hawkins

**TEAM Senators:** Rob Kreps | Carlos Landa | Chase Waites / Adebola Omotajo

**Counselor Senator:** Neil Phillips

**Librarian Senator:** Angela Colmenares

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