

- I. **Call to Order:** 3:00pm
- II. **Announcement & Congratulations:**
 - a. Tarcia Hubert has been invited to attend a conference on inclusive education for students of color at the White House next week. This is because of her nonprofit: Making Awesome Things Happen.
 - b. Cliff Hudder is our campus' Piper Nominee & Rouche Winner
- III. **Committee Reports:** None
- IV. **President's Report**
 - a. **Website:** Karen thanked Michele Richey, who received training so she can update the faculty senate website, so now our website is being updated quickly!
 - b. **Counselor Reorganization Concerns:** At our last meeting, we voted on a motion to share our concerns about the counselor reorganization and poor communication with Dr. Riley and Dr. McGee. Karen shared our concerns and Dr. Riley seemed unaware of issues regarding reorganization. They have agreed to try to have better communication. Karen feels they are listening, and Dr. Riley has asked the VPs to facilitate a committee (including deans, counselors, and faculty representatives) to address our concerns.
 - c. **Dean Search Committee:** Dr. Monica Gonzalez is the faculty representative on the search committee for the Dean of Academic Support. Monica shared that it has a generic job description that is the same as the one for the 2 other campuses who have this position. They will supervise the library, the testing center, professional development and tutoring (basically all instructional support services). This position directly impacts faculty, so Monica was willing to take our feedback back to the committee. We brainstormed and came up with the following: We would like to have a forum for the finalists for faculty to attend, as there is concern over this being an internal search and we need someone in that position who likes and works well with faculty. Concerns over budgeting for this position were also shared, given that there are divisions who are being told they can't hire faculty/staff due to budget concerns.
 - a. **Motion:** FS would like to officially ask for a forum for a Dean for Instructional Support
 - b. **Motion:** Seconded
 - c. **Motion:** Passed at 18 for; 0 opposed
 - d. **Communication: What can WE do to improve?** Karen would like to know what we as faculty can do to improve communication with the administration. The only suggestion made was for Faculty to be better at reading e-mails from administrators.
 - e. **Resources Website:** Karen shared that there is a system-level resource website for mental health: www.lonestar.edu/mental-health.htm.
 - f. **Campus Carry Committee and Forum:** There will be a forum on campus carry Nov. 10, 2:30-4pm in B 102 to help provide information about new law. Chief

Willingham and all of our officers will be there. A website is being developed and a list of frequently asked questions was distributed to the campus.

V. New Business

- a. **Faculty Excellence Awards:** The process is ongoing; we have 16 wonderful people nominated. Committee gives choices to Dr. Riley to approve and then, around November 5, 2016, notification of winners will go out.
- b. **Child Care Center:** The search for a coordinator continues; Nov. 14 is the deadline for proposals. We have 4 people interested and Pat Sendelbach is touring centers. It may not be up and running by spring due to legal paperwork.
- c. **Funding for Student/Staff/Faculty Emergencies:** The concern was raised that we need more funds/opportunities/knowledge about opportunities to help students, faculty, and staff financially in emergency situations. We have had 2 situations and we need more opportunities for helping them. Faculty senate did have a fund last year for student emergencies, but we used it all and was not given money this year.

VI. Announcements

- a. **Healthier U:** Mattie McCowen shared that Healthier U is coming up in April and they are always encouraging departments to have their students engaged and have a booth/demonstrate specialties. Looking at possibility of bringing in outside people in to give talks – Dr. McGee would want to ensure that students will be there.
- b. **Civic Engagement:** Michele Richey shared that we are hosting a LSC Board of Trustee Candidate Forum 10/24 @ 3pm in G-102.
- c. **Graduation Meeting:** The campus wants more faculty to help with graduation so they will be holding a meeting after our FS meeting next month.

VII. Adjournment: 3:40pm

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