

SCC Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2009

SCC Faculty Council was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Kim Cleberg.

Members in attendance were Kim Cleberg, Chair, Belinda Jones, Cecilia Ramillo, Mike Calder, Mary Taylor Huntsman, Travis McQueen, Doug Massey, Kevin Bradford, Lois McWhorter, Joanne Story, George Martinez, Lynn Shearer, Jon Burlew, Sharon Whitehead, and Dr. Honeycutt.

On a motion by Jon Burlew, second Mike Calder, the November 7, 2008, Faculty Council Meeting minutes were approved.

Due to an ongoing forum, there was no formal Faculty Council Meeting on December 5, 2008. Some Council members were in the Meece Building; others were in the Blakely Building. Approval of minutes from that meeting was tabled until it could be decided if minutes of the meeting actually exist.

Old Business:

--Resolution of Tenure at KCTCS; Resolution of Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefits at KCTCS. The KCTCS Council has drafted a response to the KCTCS Board of Regents. Brandy Coomer, SCC representative to the KCTCS Council, will address these issues at the Faculty Meeting.

--Much discussion centered on how we as a faculty could best decide whether to endorse the response from the KCTCS Board. It was decided that we will hold a secret ballot vote, thus allowing each faculty member the opportunity to endorse or decline endorsement of the resolution, or the opportunity to abstain. Cecilia Ramillo and Lynn Shearer will be election officials.

New Business:

--Advising issues:

--revisit policy on repeat option of classes. This would involve a KCTCS Faculty Rules change. The SCC Rules Committee will be asked to consider this issue.

--Faculty will have the opportunity to address other advising issues at an Advising Forum scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meece Auditorium.

--A KCTCS General Education Requirements Workshop is being planned. Jon Burlew will address this matter at the Faculty Meeting.

--The Student Appeals Board has asked for nominations from each division for Student Alternates. Names must be sent as soon as possible to Joanne Story, Chair of the Student Appeals Board, or Tracy Casada.

--Question concerning YouTube site for faculty lectures. Nothing special needs to be done. Some of our faculty already have their lectures on YouTube.

--Budget question: Is the 4% budget cut official? Dr. Marshall will be asked to give faculty a budget update at the Faculty Meeting.

--A question about starting classes at 8:30. After much discussion, it was decided that this would not be feasible at this time.

Motion to Adjourn, Jon Burlew; second, Mary Taylor Huntsman.

Adjourn, 12:05 p.m.