

Somerset Community College
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2008

Chair Kim Cleberg called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Members in attendance included Belinda Jones, Mary Taylor Huntsman, Lynn Shearer, Kevin Bradford, Doug Massey, George Martinez, Joanne Story, Jon Burlew and Lois McWhorter.

On a motion by Jon Burlew and seconded, minutes of October 17 meeting were approved.

Old Business-

Kim Cleberg asked Larry Abbott about wireless internet. According to Larry, it is too expensive to install college wide, so hot spots will be set up throughout the campus.

Kim checked with Tony Honeycutt about Faculty web pages. Kirby Stevens is planning to set up a meeting with the Faculty regarding this issue.

Kim asked Tracy Casada and Shawn Anderson if the number of financial aid appeals students have applied for were kept track of. They said yes.

Regarding the four day work week, Kim stated that 70% of those surveyed thought that it was beneficial to students, although there were still some issues with child care.

Last meeting there was some discussion about insurance for field trips. According to Tim Zimmerman, faculty who take students on field trips must have CAMP insurance before going on a trip.

New business-

Lynn Crabtree - January 23rd 2009 will be our P.D. day for the Faculty. The January Faculty Meeting will be at 3:30, if necessary. If there are no action items, then there will be no meeting.

Health Division- there have been complaints from advisors about students having no ideas about grades, so in turn, the Faculty has no idea how to advise.

Humanities and Fine Arts Division:--questioned the state of the budget for the Spring Semester. Are there going to be more cuts? Where might they be made?

Humanities and Fine Arts Division: Why it necessary to go through so many steps when logging on from home? Kim is going to ask Gary Cunningham to investigate.

Humanities and Fine Arts: Questioned whether we were through with the SNAP disruptions during class?

Humanities and Fine Arts Division asked if it would be possible to have a list of changes regarding student advising.

Social Sciences Division questioned why the Communications class must be overridden by the instructor, in order for a student to sign up. The instructor must e-mail admissions, to lift the hold.

RSVP teams have not been assembled. Why can't we put them in place by July 1st? It will stay in place as is and unless you change your mind, you will stay on the team. She would discuss this issue with Dr. Honeycutt.

Kim asked that faculty council members send her information from their division on FACET activities. Each representative from the leadership team must report to Dr. Marshall.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.