

Somerset Community College
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2008

Chair Kim Cleberg called the meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members in attendance included Lynn Shearer, Lois McWhorter, Sharon Whitehead, Cecilia Ramilo, Mary Taylor Huntsman, Doug Massey, Mike Calder, Joann Story, Belinda Jones, Kevin Bradford and Daniel Burnett.

September minutes revision- There was discussion about the issue of field trip money, and it was decided that planning ahead was the best option and funding would go through you division budget.

A motion was made and seconded to pass minutes as amended.

Old business- Glenda Patton will be added to list of EXIT TEST for AA/AS Ad Hoc Committee members, there are still some divisions that do not have representation. Kim will call the group together so that they can elect chair and commence work.

The SCC Rules Committee has made the requested changes to the Faculty Rules, and Jeff Harris would like to be included in the upcoming Faculty Meeting agenda.

Concerning the Barnes and Noble issue (high cost of books), Tim Zimmerman has assured us that he will continue to monitor and address the issue as needed.

Kevin Bradford requested update on the status of the door locks in the Cooper building. This issue was addressed to the Leadership Team and Larry Abbott stated that the cost would be about \$67,000.00. It has been put on a resource request at this time.

New Business

Cecilia Ramilo- Inquired why we cannot delete a student even if they only appeared once in class. With regard to RT24 reporting, Joanne Story stated that it should be looked at more closely by the appeals board. Sharon Whitehead asked, "Can we keep track of how many times a student makes an appeal?" Can notes be made in PeopleSoft? - Tracy Casada This item will be brought to Tracy, Paula and Shawn Anderson.

Why is there no wireless internet access, campus wide? – Referred to Leadership Team

Why don't we have the ability to set up web pages for our divisions on our Website? Is there a template that we can use?- Kim will check with Dr. Honeycutt.

How was the decision made to discontinue payment of overloads for on-line courses? Sharon Whitehead stated that there was no cut in pay. We had \$550,000.00 set aside for overload instruction and we were able to cut back and stay within the budget. It was not intended to reduce pay for on-line courses.

How many non-SCC students are taking on-line courses? To get this information, simply fill out an information request to Amy Beaudoin and allow two weeks for a reply.

Are the initiatives for on-line instruction review still in place? -Referred to Academic Leadership Team

Joann Story- List of candidates for degree/ graduation needs to be approved at next meeting. The approval of list will be addressed at the upcoming Faculty Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.