

Faculty Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2007
11am EST

The meeting was called to order by the acting chair, Sharon Whitehead.

The October meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Dr. Marshall reported on the status of the Mercer Study. KCTCS continues to monitor salaries in the market and to make adjustments whenever possible. No moves toward the midpoint are scheduled for this year.

Updates on the RSVP teams will be distributed by the Provost's office. RSVP team lists, outlines, and guidelines will be posted on the SCC Web site. Those not serving on a team currently are encouraged to participate. Membership requests should be forwarded to the Provost's office. Although SACS does not require the use of teams, SCC uses teams to facilitate open communication and innovative ideas.

Lynn Shearer presented a proposed a rules change that would allow students to withdraw after midterm without faculty approval. Faculty were encouraged to express concerns and issues regarding this proposed changed to members of the rules committee.

Tracy Casada reported varying degrees of success experienced with tracking student attendance in PeopleSoft. Faculty play a critical role in the success of student tracking in PeopleSoft. Tracking student attendance helps the college avoid returning benefits and helps students avoid financial aid suspension. Tracy also announced the upcoming availability of the new Faculty Center in PeopleSoft which will increase faculty productivity when advising students.

Mental health services for students were briefly discussed. Tracy Casada indicated that KCTCS does not endorse offering mental health services on campus. Deborah Gaines is compiling a list of outside services to which students needing mental health services may be referred. Elaine Wilson offered to set up a professional development opportunity concerning mental health issues. Warren Lambert recommended establishing a counseling center on campus.

David Deaton presented plans for a pilot automotive restoration program in Laurel. The program will be located in the transportation division and will teach students how to restore and modify automobiles. Quality restoration is a fast growing market and will greatly benefit students and the SCC service area. Jimmy Smith, an auto body instructor at Laurel, will be the instructor for this program. David Behrman made a motion to approve the program. The motion passed.

Bob Hekel announced that tickets were still available for the SCC choir's "A Taste of Broadway" performance scheduled for November 9th and 10th.

Tracy Casada announced that the unofficial enrollment count for fall 2007 was 7,299 which exceeded our goal.

The meeting was adjourned by the acting chair.