

KILGORE COLLEGE  
FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of Meeting  
April 28, 2017

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM.
- II. The following members were present:
  - A. Debbie Williams
  - B. Carolyn Fox-Hearne
  - C. Rachel Stallard
  - D. Susan Black
  - E. Richard Duggar
  - F. Laurea Mulanax
  - G. Michael Ferguson
- III. The minutes from the February 17, 2017, meeting were reviewed and approved.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Discussion about the “no smoking on campus” issue was tabled.
  - B. Michael Ferguson provided a brief update on what was known about the state of the budget as of the end of April.
- V. New Business
  - A. A discussion was held to explain the criteria by which KC was awarded the “Number Eight in the Nation” award in the recent community college survey.
  - B. A discussion was held on the status of moving departments to new deans and physically moving some to new buildings. Ferguson explained the status of moving ETPA and KCFA out of the AEC.
  - C. Ferguson reminded the members about the end-of-semester picnic.
  - D. A discussion was held about Achieving the Dream, Guided Pathways, and KC’s implementation of such. Ferguson explained the work in-progress by the Student Success Council and the process that would take place as we moved forward, including the creation of faculty-led task forces to guide the process. Ferguson explained that Dr. Kays is very focused on having this process be as faculty-led and faculty-centric as possible.
  - E. Ferguson asked for nominations or advice on who would be the Faculty Senate president-elect for the 2017-2018 academic year. Richard Dugger explained that the president must be elected by the faculty association — i.e., the faculty itself as a whole — and that it could be done electronically. Dugger recommended that Ferguson send out a request for volunteers or nominations via campus-wide email and to then allow the faculty to vote electronically. All agreed to the process.
  - F. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.



# What Are the Best Community Colleges?

College Choice has correlated data from Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, Payscale, and individual community colleges to compile a list of the 50 best community colleges in the country. We considered several factors in developing an institutional performance score, including first year retention rates, three-year graduation rates, credentials awarded, etc. We also factored percentage of non-traditional and minority students, percentage of Pell grants, and minority graduation rates in order to create a diversity score. Finally, we compared in-district tuition rates and potential salary to give us a sense of the return on investment. Since much of the focus at College Choice is on helping you choose a college, we did not consider schools that did not offer an associate degree, and we eliminated those schools where associate degrees were an exceptionally low percentage of their annual awards. In the end, we believe these fifty schools represent the best of what can be a wise decision for many prospective college students.