Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2006 Meeting

Senators in attendance:

Hugh Wink  
Jerry Fuller  
Dean R. Kinney  
Tom DeLany  
Brandon Walker  
Starla Lumpkin  
Bennie J. Brown  
Lee McCutcheon  
Lane Barnett  
Kathy Blair  
Debbie Williams  
Terri York  
Joey Fults

Old Business:

(Overload Pay) Itemizing Paychecks  Terri has hit a dead end with pay check itemization, but will continue to pursue the problem. It was suggested that she check with the University of Phoenix to see how they do it.

New Business:

a. Comments about only allowing computer installments by credit cards. It is a problem for many students who don’t have a credit card/bank account. Not taking cash in the business office is also a problem. *Senate voted to follow-up on this.

b. Computer lab hours: Complaint is that hours are not flexible enough. *Terri will check into lab hours and why we don't have more. Further discussion to come.

c. Complaint that there is a tremendous jump in salaries from instructors and deans, etc. ($40,000.00). Terri will check to see how the salaries are calculated.

d. Thank you note for board for salary raise. Can’t be done as a whole. Interested faculty members send a note on their own.

e. Surveys. We have software to do surveys. Need to contact Bill Gibbs for password. Very powerful and lots you can do with this software.

f. Administrators are having to park in visitor parking so Dr. Holda has asked that faculty not park in Administration parking. Park in Old Main lot.

g. Dr. Holda is going to ask faculty to write letters to the legislature and wants everyone to participate.
h. Faculty Credentials. 6 or 8 do not meet credentials. Hired Roberta Wright from Lee College as consultant to look at our faculty that does not meet credentials. We will write up a defense for them. She will look at it and make suggestions. She is experienced with this. We will look at the justification for hiring someone outside of Kilgore College.

i. In regard to numerous passwords. *Terri says we need to continue to pursue this. A universal password may be set up.

It was asked why Mike Jenkins wants everyone to give him their phone numbers. He said Alltel is saying that Kilgore College does not have enough participants for a 10% discount. Kilgore College (Mike Jenkins) says we have enough for a 15% discount. *Starla Lumpkin says that Cingular and Nextel will give a 15% discount. Terri will talk to Mike Jenkins about this.

Terri informed the group that Dr. Hold wants to encourage faculty input for quality enhancements of classes such as team teaching.

It was announced that the TCCTA leadership weekend is October 6-7 in Austin. The Senate is invited. Money must come from departments.

The question was raised concerning how Technology money is divided as it was with most going to I.T. The point was made that the Technology committee was supposed to use the money to disperse where needed. It put the bulk of the money in the hands of a smaller number. The committee is supposed to make distributions more equitable.

A discussion was held about how long term disability is handled by Kilgore College.

Everyone reminded to join TCCTA.

Debbie Williams