

Faculty Senate Minutes for January 9, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

VPAA Presentation:

I. Statewide Faculty Symposium: Dr. McCall advised that a two day faculty symposium sponsored by OACC and the Ohio Board of Regents will be held in Columbus on March 5 – 6, 2009. The Chancellor will be the keynote speaker, and the Honorable Governor Strickland may be in attendance. Plenary sessions on various topics will be conducted, and attendees will have free time to network. Additional information on the symposium may be found on the OACC website. Ryan hopes to have at least five faculty members from SSCC attend and pointed out that all expenses will be paid.

II. Semester Conversion Overview: Dr. McCall provided faculty with a draft of a report compiled by a semester conversion task force, and he requested that the Faculty Senate give him an opinion on the feasibility of converting and offer feedback on the report before he decides to forward it to President Stout and the BOT. Ryan pointed out the following:

- A.** A dollar amount for the funding of the *Resources Needed* component of the conversion project has yet to be determined. Ryan noted that Shawnee spent \$150,000 on its conversion project; SSCC's cost should not exceed this.
- B.** Ryan wants to know if the Faculty Senate supports the movement to a semester calendar. He noted that it is the OBR pushing for semester conversions and that WSU, OU, UC, OSU, Sinclair CC, and Clark State CC are currently transitioning. Some of these institutions are doing so collectively, coordinating their calendars and course content to facilitate transfer.
- C.** Ryan stated that WSU and OSU plan to implement a semester system in 2012. If SSCC intends to follow suit and implement a semester system in 2012, we would need to begin the process by the summer of 2009.

Discussion: In a discussion that followed Dr. McCall's presentation and departure, it was acknowledged that converting to a semester system may be inevitable; however, it was also stated that a semester system has not been shown to be beneficial to students from an academic standpoint, and it is expected that SSCC students may suffer by taking on a five-class semester load. It was also agreed among faculty that additional information and details

are needed before we can collectively support a conversion effort. For example, we need information concerning workload and compensation.

Approval of Minutes: December Faculty Senate minutes, which had been sent out via e-mail immediately following the December meeting, were not available in hardcopy at today's meeting. Cathy LaParl, Faculty Senate Secretary, agreed to re-send the December minutes to all members.

Committee Reports:

- **Curriculum:** no report.
- **Academic Appeals:** no appeals pending at this time.
- **Adjunct:** Charlie Gorman reported that at the next Adjunct Committee meeting, a rubric establishing a new payment schedule for adjuncts will be presented. It is expected that the committee will approve this rubric, and it is hoped that the administration will implement it.
- **Program Review:** no report.
- **Technology:** no report. The Technology Committee meets today.
- **Assessment:** Nicole Roades presented an assessment report at the college wide meeting this morning. No additional information on assessment was offered at Faculty Senate.
- **Transfer Module:** Bill Henry advised there is nothing to report at this time.
- **Board of Trustees:** See Addendum 1 for Ken Shull's report and a summary of discussion on same.
- **Placement Test:** As a follow-up to the December report, Bill Worpenberg reiterated that new cut-off scores for the writing portion of the placement test are being established.
- **Sam Ladrach:** no report
- **Academic Support:** no report.
- **Health Insurance:** See Addendum 2 for Brenda Tilton's report and a summary of discussion on same.
- **Calendar:** no report.
- **SSCC Foundation:** no report.
- **TAGS:** no report.
- **Ohio Faculty Senate:** Jon Davidson reported he will be attending a meeting next week.

Old Business:

- **Safety Committee – D. Hoffman:** No report was offered although Bruce Fugate stated he did not believe any progress had been made on restoring this committee.
- **Scholarship Committee – D. Hoffman:** No report was offered although Bruce Fugate stated he did not believe any progress had been made on securing answers to questions faculty have posed regarding the new manner in which this committee functions.

New Business: No new business was entertained.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to
what lies within us."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson—*

Addendum 1 – Board of Trustees Report

Please note items A and B below.

- A. Ken Shull previously offered the following report on the December BOT meeting via e-mail.

The SSCC Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 115 of the Training Resource Center. Board members Kay Ayres, Ralph Shell, and Jim Ward were absent. Paul Hall ran the meeting since Chairman, Jim Ward was absent.

A brief summary of the meeting follows:

The November 12 minutes were approved including the following interesting spin on the impassioned statements of our students: "The Board of Trustees opened the floor to individuals who wanted to address the Board. A period of 30 minutes was provided. Several individuals took advantage of this opportunity to express their thoughts concerning the College. Chairman Ward and President Stout thanked the individuals for sharing their comments."

President Stout reported that applicants for the Human Resources Director have been narrowed down to 3 finalists and that a second round of interviews will be conducted with the finalists on Friday, December 12. The new employee should begin work in January. President Stout also reported the hiring of 3 new full-time faculty members (English, Medical Assisting, and Human Services).

Vice-President Buck reported that SSCC had received a good audit report recently. Mr. Buck expects SSCC to be in good financial shape for FY 09 despite the bleak financial outlook of the state of Ohio and the College's declining source of interest income. The College's investments earned 4.6% last year, but are earning only 1.6% this year.

The Board approved the requests of 3 SSCC employees to receive additional sick days from the sick leave pool. (Note: The maximum allowable days an employee can receive from the sick pool is 50 days.)

Vice-President Bland made a presentation requesting a modest increase in the fees charged by the Patri-Tots (Daycare) Center and the implementation of a late fee assessment on unpaid bills. Bland stated these steps were necessary to avoid a projected \$18,000 Daycare deficit for FY 09. The Board

approved the increase in daycare fees following some discussion with one nay vote cast by new board member Ben Houser.

Vice-President McCall did not address the Board this evening.

President Stout reviewed the Status of Condition Report with the Board regarding facilities and technology.

The Board scheduled an all day planning session for Monday, January 26, 2009, to begin at 10:00 A.M. in Room 115 of the Training Resource Center. This is an open meeting if any of you are interested in attending in whole or in part.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2009, unless it is decided at the January 26 meeting to cancel the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 P.M.

- B. Following Ken's review of this report at today's Faculty Senate meeting, a discussion concerning the BOT occurred, the main points of which are as follows:
- i. Ken Shull recommended that SSEA routinely request audiotapes of BOT meetings as minutes provided have not accurately reflect events at meetings.
 - ii. A College Planning Session has been scheduled by the BOT for January 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The college faculty has not been asked to participate in this day-long meeting. However, the meeting is open, and the Faculty Senate hereby encourages its members to attend. Faculty Senate President Julia Basham will attempt to secure an agenda well in advance so that faculty may plan for the session. She will also communicate to President Stout our collective concern that we have not been formally included in this meeting.
 - iii. It is expected that the BOT will not meet in February.

Addendum 2 – Health Insurance Committee Meeting Report

Please note items A and B below.

- A. Brenda Tilton previously offered the following report via e-mail:

I have sent out e-mails to try and get the committee together. I have received answers once from everyone but Mr. Buck. The tentative meeting date for the first meeting is the last Friday in January. I have not heard from Karen Davis or Mr. Buck to confirm this. Karen is the chairman, but I felt that someone needed to get the ball rolling since I had not received anything from anyone, and my notes stated we were supposed to meet for the first time in 10/08.

- B. As a follow up to the above report, Brenda noted that the Chairperson of the Health Insurance Committee, Karen Davis, has yet to call a meeting. Brenda and Bill Horne, faculty members of the committee, have agreed to meet on January 23 and hope that other committee members will join them.

Brenda also noted that the new Director of Human Services has been appointed to the committee. As the SSEA contract stipulates that there must be equal representation on this committee, either a new faculty member must be appointed or a current administrative committee member must resign.