

McLennan Community College

Faculty Council 2015-2016

MEETING DATE: The McLennan Community College Faculty Council met Thursday, March 3, in the Highlander Conference room (SSC 319). President Paula Unger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Amber Bracken, Andi Ramon, Andrew Clayton, Becky Griffin, Brian Johnson, Caleb Stroman, Casey Hubble, Cynthia McAdams, David Davenport, Dennis Stapleton, Emily Stottlemire, Gail Woodward, Jan Robertson, Karen Weil, Laura Hays, Marc Nicholas, Mark Long, Mary Sides, Meredith Heffner, Miley Pulliam, Reid Makowsky, Sharon Allen, Shelly Rogers-Sharer, and Sholly Gunter

ABSENT MEMBERS: Anne Merchant, David Fleuriet, Donna George, Frances Turner, Heather Mattingly, Jim McKeown, Jon Fox, Karen Svendsen Werner, Kelly Parker, Mark Crenwelge, Sondra Dubowsky, Stacy Kuehn, Susan Spooner, and Tammy Thompson

MEETING MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **ISSUE:** Dual Credit PD Session
DISCUSSION: FCP announced a dual credit PD session for Friday, March 18, 8 am to 12:00 pm in MAC 111.
ACTION: Please attend the dual credit PD session if you can.
- 2) **ISSUE:** Update on Changes of Course Offerings
DISCUSSION: FCP announced that beginning Fall 2016 there will be significant changes across campus in programs and course offerings.
ACTION: Talk with your division chair and colleagues about upcoming changes in your area's courses and degree plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **ISSUE:** IP Recommendation Update
DISCUSSION: The FCP reported that the recommended IP changes (making Title IX, etc., information available via hyperlinked) is supported by the VPI but must be reviewed by Dr. Canham, the VP of Student Success, who is also the ADA and Title IX Coordinator. Implementation cannot begin until his analysis is completed.
ACTION: None at this time.

- 2) **ISSUE:** Elections Committee Update
DISCUSSION: The FCP reviewed dates for nominations and elections for the Minnie Piper Award and FC and other committee positions.
ACTION: Be looking for the emailed nomination ballots in March and April.
- 3) **ISSUE:** Bookstore Committee Update
DISCUSSION: The FCVP reminded FC members of important Bookstore deadlines:
- March 15th is the due date for summer book orders. If these are not received by March 25th all unsold books will be sent back and may not be available to students attending the summer session; especially at risk for return are used and rental books.
 - April 15th is the fall adoption due date. Meeting the deadline ensures availability of all options to students – new, used, and rental.
- The Bookstore conducted a survey in fall 2015 to which a total of 28 faculty members and 54 students responded. Most (81%) faculty and students expressed a preference for a tangible textbook and ones that can be rented. The survey also indicated dissatisfaction with the Bookstore's ability to offer "good value for price." Their price matching policy is an attempt to address this concern.
ACTION: Let your FC representatives know about any problems you're experiencing with the Bookstore.
- 4) **ISSUE:** Compensation Committee Recommendations for 2016-17
DISCUSSION: The FCP stated that the Compensation Committee report does not require a vote as she indicated at the last meeting; the report can be submitted to administration and the Board of Trustees as-is, which FC members supported.
ACTION: None at this time.

OTHER ISSUES

- 1) **ISSUE:** Smart Devices or Web Browsing Devices
DISCUSSION: An FC member asked if other professors require students to come to class with *smart* or web browsing devices and be prepared to use them. FC members discussed free and affordable options, such as Kahoot, which was tested in Rad Tech classes and worked well.
ACTION: Share information with your colleagues about *smart*/web browsing devices you've tried.
- 2) **ISSUE:** Great Teachers Seminar
DISCUSSION: The FCVP and other FC members briefly discussed the benefits of this seminar and encouraged faculty to attend.
ACTION: Attend next year's GTS if you can.
- 3) **ISSUE:** PD Requirements
DISCUSSION: An FC member asked about the college's requirements for PD credit and the appropriate process to earn them. Methods for standardizing the PD process were discussed as well as the need to improve communication about the requirements and consequences of noncompliance. The importance of faculty members monitoring their PD hours was emphasized. In addition, several FC members expressed a desire for a smoother and more transparent PD process to be developed.

ACTION: Talk with your division chair and colleagues about the process of earning PD credit.

4) **ISSUE:** FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) Absences

DISCUSSION: An FC member expressed concern about the application FMLA policy on campus, which doesn't always seem consistent. The rights and responsibilities of faculty members were discussed. Clarification on this issue was requested.

ACTION: None at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Shelly Rogers-Sharer,
Faculty Council Secretary

Abbreviations:

FC = Faculty Council

FCP = Faculty Council President

FCVP = Faculty Council Vice President