

McLennan Community College

Faculty Council 2015-2016

MEETING DATE: The McLennan Community College Faculty Council met Thursday, April 14, 2016, in the Highlander Conference room (SSC 319). President Paula Unger called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Amber Bracken, Andi Ramon, Andrew Clayton, Anne Merchant, Becky Griffin, Brian Johnson, Cynthia McAdams, David Davenport, Dennis Stapleton, Donna George, Emily Stottlemire, Gail Woodward, Heather Mattingly, Jim McKeown, Karen Svendsen Werner, Karen Weil, Marc Nicholas, Mark Crenwelge, Mary Sides, Meredith Heffner, Miley Pulliam, Reid Makowsky, Sharon Allen, Sondra Dubowsky, and Stacy Kuehn

ABSENT MEMBERS: Caleb Stroman, Casey Hubble, David Fleuriet, Frances Turner, Jan Robertson, Jon Fox, Kelly Parker, Laura Hays, Mark Long, Shelly Rogers-Sharer, Sholly Gunter, Susan Spooner, and Tammy Thompson

MEETING MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

1) **ISSUE:** Younger Dual Credit Students

DISCUSSION: *So what's it like to have a 13-year-old high school student in a college class?* The FCP asked for comments from those who had attended the MCC-hosted dual credit conference in March, which included our area high school partners. She said that early reports of 9th-grade La Vega students taking EDUC 1300 are positive. Their instructor reported at the conference that they are eager to learn, excited about the new opportunities, not yet jaded and/or apathetic about higher education; their enthusiasm has helped bridge the maturity gap.

ACTION: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1) **ISSUE:** IP Revision Update

DISCUSSION: The FCP reported that the recommended IP changes (making Title IX, etc., information available via hyperlinked) was reviewed by Dr. Canham, the VP of Student Success, who is also the ADA and Title IX Coordinator, and he recommended changes/additions to the last page (see attached IP draft). The FC unanimously voted to support the new IP with links. Implementation is planned for Fall 2016.

ACTION: Review IP updates (last page of the revised IP) and let the FCP know if you foresee any problems and/or issues.

2) **ISSUE:** Elections Committee Update

DISCUSSION: The FC Elections Committee Chair reminded FC members to vote by noon on Friday, 4/15. The results will be emailed the following week.

ACTION: None at this time. (The ballot closed at noon on 4/15.)

- 3) **ISSUE:** Bookstore Committee Update
DISCUSSION: An FC Bookstore Committee member stated that there were no problems or new issues to report.
ACTION: None at this time.
- 4) **ISSUE:** PD Policy & Earning PD Credit
DISCUSSION: The FCP said that the PD credit process is currently under review. After PD Day, the VPI and deans decided to revisit the issue. Recommendations made by the 2012 FC are being reconsidered and other suggestions are being studied. Fall 2016 is the goal for a new process to be in place.
ACTION: Look for new PD credit policies and procedures soon.

OTHER ISSUES

- 1) **ISSUE:** LMS (Learning Management System) options
DISCUSSION: An FC member who attended the PD Day session about LMS asked if Andrew Clayton, an FC member who is also on the LMS committee, to update FC members. Andrew reported that Blackboard (Bb) will be changing to *Blackboard Ultra* in the near future and Bb as we now know it will not be supported within 2 years. No decision has been made yet about whether to stay with Bb or adopt a new LMS. If you would like to check out some of the LMS options being considered, go to [Canvas](#) or [Desire2Learn](#).
ACTION: Check out the LMS options.
- 2) **ISSUE:** FC Elections
DISCUSSION: An FC member mentioned a concern regarding nominating/electing faculty for FC positions. She said that because the number of faculty has grown, it is increasingly difficult to know all of the nominees on the FC ballot(s) and relevant information about each in order to make an appropriate selection. Another FC member recommended that the nominees' names on the ballot be hyperlinked to their CV on the McLennan website to help alleviate the confusion. Many other FC members agreed that this would be helpful.
ACTION: Talk with your colleagues about any concerns with FC elections.

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

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