

**McLennan Community College**  
**Faculty Council 2018-2019**

**MEETING DATE:** The McLennan Community College Faculty Council met Friday, September, 2018, in MAC 304. President Andrew Clayton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Bob Ammon, Amber Bracken, Deborah Brock, Ivanna Campbell, Michelle Davis, Marighny Dutton, Elaine Fagner, Melody Flowers, Donna George, Jarred Hankhouse, Kent Hoeffner, Brian Johnson, Jeremy Lehman, Reed Makowsky, Kim McCoy, Helen Moore, Michelle Moravec, Liz Painter, Becky Parker, Kelly Parker, Cathy Prause, Deanna Robinson, Brad Turner, Otsmar Villarroel, Debby Williams, Gail Woodward, and Jessica Zbeida

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**MEETING NOTES**

Faculty Council President Andrew Clayton began his term by welcoming Faculty Council members to the first meeting, including Ashley Cruseturner, Faculty Council VP.

Committee assignments were made for the following committees:

**Elections Committee:** Liz Painter and Otsmar Villarroel

**Bookstore Committee:** Deborah Brock, Ivanna Campbell, Jeremy Lehman, and Bradley Turner

**Policy Committee:** Elaine Fagner, Melody Flowers, Jarred Hankhouse, Brian Johnson, Helen Moore, Kelly Parker, Deanna Robinson, Bradley Turner, and Gail Woodward

**Student Services Liaison Committee:** Amber Bracken, Deborah Brock, Elaine Fagner, Kent Hoeffner, Reid Makowsky, Becky Parker, Kelly Parker, Jessica Shelton, Otsmar Villarroel, and Michael White.

**Professional Development Committee:** Michele Davis, Marighny Dutton, Jeremy Lehman, Reid Makowsky, Kim McCoy, Michelle Moravec, Liz Painter, and Becky Parker

**Ad-Hoc Student Evaluations Committee:** Amber Bracken, Ivanna Campbell, Melody Flowers, Kent Hoeffner, Michelle Moravec, Cathy Prause, Deanna Robinson, Jessica Shelton, and Jessica Zbeida

Two representatives kindly volunteered to represent workforce for Instructional Council (Cathy Prause and Debby Williams).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic: Adding reserve textbooks to the library to assist students:**

Discussion. Some faculty already do this. Various FC reps expressed reservations concerning the issue of free publisher provided books allocated for reserve, as this undermines financial compensation for the publisher and author. Various FC reps asserted books provided for reserve should be purchased.

Additional Notes and Questions from the discussion: The reserve for textbooks is two hours. How many students would make use of this? Should this be left up to the department or to individual instructors? Would this policy encourage some students to not buy the textbook all semester? Can the books only be made available for two weeks, until financial aid comes in? Would the administration each year purchase the books placed on reserve? Textbooks continue to increase in price, affecting a student's ability to purchase the

textbook. The Nursing department already makes the necessary books for their program available in the library.

**ACTION REQUESTED. FCP asked that ALL FC REPS take this issue to their constituents and return to our next meeting ready to report results with a view toward making a recommendation to VPI Fred Hills.**

**Topic: Brightspace**

FCP asked that FC reps continue to convey Brightspace concerns to the representatives of the Brightspace Transition Team. This allows transition team members to recognize and address larger concerns that might be overlooked. As problems or frustrations are shared that others may be experiencing, a campus wide solution may be more easily imagined.

**Topic: Change in Tobacco Policy**

New policy further limits areas on campus where individuals are allowed to smoke (away from many building entrances). The administration is moving toward a smoke free campus. The student response seems muted.

**Topic: Student Evaluations**

FC reps posed questions regarding student evaluations of instructors. How powerful student evaluations counted in the hiring and firing of faculty? What percentage of the instructor renewal decision comes from student evaluations? Do better evaluation questions need to be implemented? Because of the importance of this issue, FC created an Ad Hoc committee (Kent Hoeffner graciously agreed to chair).

**Topic: Shuttle Service**

Should the shuttle service hours be extended to aid disabled students after 3:30 (when the service shuts down)?

**Topic: Remote Faculty**

Do the policies concerning remote faculty (those teaching from a distance) need to be examined, clarified, and/or re-evaluated?

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**Abbreviations:**

**FC = Faculty Council**

**FCP = Faculty Council President**

**FCVP = Faculty Council Vice President**