

Faculty Senate Minutes  
Southwest Tennessee Community College  
Macon Cove Campus  
MA C 175  
September 13, 2016

1. Call to Order and Roll

Faculty Senate President Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00.  
Faculty Senate Secretary Doug Branch called the roll:

William Summons, **Senate President**

Division Senators, Arts and Sciences

Doug Branch (15-17) **Secretary**

Joyce Johnson (15-17)

Mahmuda Sultana (16-18)

Bill Turner (15-17)

MaLinda Wade (15-17)

LaDonna Young (16-18)

Division Senators, Career Studies

Charles (Eddie) Baker (16-18) **Parliamentarian**

Tim Harrison (16-18)

Joan McGrory (15-17) **Treasurer**

Dewey Sykes (15-17) **Vice-President**

Department Senators

Shilpa Desai (16-18) **Allied Health**

Mahnaz Ghaffarian (15-17) **Business**

Michael Scott (15-17) **Communications and Fine Arts** Absent (retired)

David Huffman (15-17) **Languages and Literature**

Rosie Taylor (16-18) **Natural Sciences**

Marilyn Wilbourn (16-18) **Nursing** Absent

Shantell Chism (15-17) **Mathematics** Absent (on leave)

Leslie Peebles (15-17) **Technologies**

Ed Reid (15-17) **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- A. The body approved the minutes from the April, 2016 Faculty Senate meeting. Secretary Doug Branch will ask that those minutes be posted to the Faculty Senate website.
- B. Doug Branch was asked to remind Patsy Fancher, chair of Communications and Fine Arts, that Michael Scott would need to be replaced as that department's representative.

## 3. Reports from Senate officers and Senate committees

- A. Bill Summons: Reported on the work of the search committee for the new chancellor position. The former chancellor resigned, unhappy about the new FOCUS act, implemented by the state, that liberates TBR universities from TBR, creating more self-government for those institutions. The new chancellor, when selected, will be working more with Tennessee colleges of applied technologies and Tennessee community colleges. The influence he or she will have over four-year universities is less clear. The organizational meeting of the committee was on September 2, and the next meeting will be October 18; by that time, the committee will have seen a good number of applicant files.
- B. Dewey Sykes: Reported on meeting of governance representatives with the college president, Tracy Hall. Dewey then distributed a document summarizing those topics discussed, including the following:
  - 1. A perception that TBR is requiring business programs use a specific product by Everfi to teach Financial Wellness. (There is no such requirement.)
  - 2. The pay scale for faculty who were granted promotions at the time the new scale was set in place.
  - 3. The planned restructuring of Academic Affairs.
  - 4. The new faculty pay scale implemented in 2015.
  - 5. The new procedures for using student club money.
  - 6. The bookstore policy for the return of textbooks rented by students.
  - 7. Newly approved legislation permitting employees to carry guns on campus.
  - 8. Accessibility of unit administrators, specifically the returning of email messages and returning of telephone calls.
- C. Dewey Sykes: Discussion of distribution of supervisor evaluation surveys completed by faculty. Dewey is considering ways to distribute these other than via email. Sharepoint seems a good possibility.

It was moved and passed that the senate request that IT provide the Faculty Senate with access to Sharepoint.

4. Old Business

- A. Bill Summons informed us that the “price matching” scheme announced by the bookstore might not be as good as we had been led to believe. In order to participate, students still need to buy the more expensive book from the bookstore and then the students only receive bookstore credit, not cash, to make up the price difference between the more expensive bookstore book and the less expensive book they might have found elsewhere.

5. New Business

- A. Sindy Abadie: Update on “Achieving the Dream.” Cindy informed us about the national organization for change in community colleges funded by the Lumina Foundation. The focus is on the entire student process, from the time students hear about the college until they become alumni. We have two “coaches” for our participation. And a particular focus at Southwest will be on streamlining the student experience and minimizing areas that our students find particularly confusing.
- B. Doug Branch: Discussed the updating of Faculty Senate committee lists. Doug was asked to write a note to send to Faculty Senate Committee chairs asking them to provide updated membership lists and, if necessary, recruit new members.

6. President Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Branch  
Faculty Senate Secretary



