

**Faculty Senate Minutes DRAFT**  
**Southwest Tennessee Community College**  
**Conducted Via Microsoft Teams**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 3:00 PM**

1. Call to order and roll

Bill Summons called the meeting to order at 3:00. Doug Branch took the roll call.

William Summons (20-22) **President**

Division Senators, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics

Doug Branch (21-23) **Secretary**

Ed Reid (20-22)

Melissa Reyna (21-23) **Parliamentarian** Absent

Annie Sultana (20-22)

MaLinda Wade (21-23)

Division Senators, Business and Technologies

Timothy Harrison (21-23)

Derrick Wheatley (20-22)

Division Senators, Health and Natural Sciences

Shilpa Desai (20-22) **Treasurer**

Joyce Johnson (20-22) **Vice-President**

Rachel “Shelley” Trigg (21-23)

Department Senators

Megan Murphy (20-22) Allied Health

Kimberly Taylor (21-23) Business and Legal Studies

Tad Lauritzen Wright (21-23) Communications, Graphic and Fine Arts

Rosalyn McGhee (21-23) Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services (Absent)

Craig Quinn (21-23) Emergency Medical Services

Stewart White (20-22) Engineering Technologies (Absent)

Emily Ford (21-23) Languages and Literature

Darrick Slaughter (20-22) Natural Sciences

Cetrea Jimerson (20-22) Nursing (Absent)

Frank Daniels (21-23) Mathematics (No longer with the college)

Latorya Parker (21-23) Technologies

Shannon Little (21-23) Social and Behavioral Sciences

2. The reading and approval of the February, 2022 minutes.

Bill Summons suggested and the body approved a departure from the senate's usual meeting date for our April meeting because of a conflict with the Honors Convocation. Our meeting will be held in-person on Thursday, Feb. 7, 3:00, in the Bornblum Library Auditorium, if that space is available.

The body approved the minutes from the February 2022 faculty senate meeting.

### 3. Special Guest, David Rosenthal, Deputy CIO, Information Services

David informed the senate about several developments in IS. A few of his major points: 1) the server for Banner will soon be housed in the cloud, but impact on faculty should be minimal. 2) implementation of the digital twin project is heading toward its close. This project has been a success, with digital twin learning classrooms on every campus, other than Somerville. David encouraged faculty to seek training from the Teaching Academy. He reported that faculty members who have used the technology seem to like it. 3) our newest computer upgrades are to Dell's "All in One." We normally upgrade computers every three to five years and make software updates when they become available. 4) David thanked the faculty, on behalf of Jim Sorrell, IS Director, for completing internet security training. David noted that security issues are a major concern and that everybody at the college should practice heightened awareness. Suspicious of security breaches should be reported to Jim. David noted that Pellissippi State had recently been hit by ransomware and lost nearly a million dollars. 5) David concluded by noting that he is the contact person for faculty, should there be questions or concerns, and that he would welcome our input.

### 4. Reports from senate officers and senate committees

#### A. Joyce Johnson: Report on regular SEC meeting with Kendricks Hooker, VPAA

Here are a few of the main points given to the SEC by Dr. Hooker: 1) Enrollment numbers have not changed significantly, and the college still has a budget shortfall of about 11 million dollars. All units are looking at "what works" and going through processes to build a strategic plan. "What works" are initiatives that will be funded. Resource and staff reallocations are possible. One possibility might be reallocation of staff to the advising department. 2) Because of low enrollment, our campuses have a lot of unused space. Part of the plan may be to create reading, math, and writing labs. 3) Advising and Career Services will be merging, and this merge will affect who is hired as the new VP for Student Affairs. One result of the merge is to better align students' career goals with their educational goals. 4) Seven faculty positions have been submitted for conversion from term to tenure track. Current term positions should be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if the position is needed.

After Joyce's report, Bill asked the senate to be sure to let members of the SEC know about issues they wish to have communicated to Dr. Hooker.

- B. Joyce Johnson: Ad hoc committee considering the role of the Teaching Academy in the development of online courses

The report had been distributed to the senate earlier. It was moved and seconded that the senate accept the report. The motion passed, with the understanding that there would be minor edits. The senate will get the updated version soon. Bill suggested and the committee agreed that the report should not be distributed to departments until the edits are complete.

Bill thanked the committee for a job well done. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the senate commend Joyce for her leadership of a committee that required a lot of work.

- C. Kimberly Taylor: senate elections

Kimberly noted that some departments had elected new senators and that the elections would be held soon. She also announced Joyce's candidacy for president. Doug noted that he would add her candidacy's position paper to the website.

- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Adjournment

Bill Summons adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Branch  
Faculty Senate Secretary

