

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes February 17, 2012

Attendees:

President: Pat Wurth

Vice President: George Meghabghab

Secretary: Marianna Mabry

TBR Sub-council Rep.: Patricia Jenkins

Parliamentarian:

Math Science:

Eric Bouldin

Ben King

Allied Health:

Teri Gergen

Gary Genna

Nursing:

Patricia Jenkins

Marcia Shloush

Elaine Nagelson

Humanities

Brenda Luggie

Sammie Mowery

Peggy Hilliard

Bryan Wilkerson

Social Science/Business and Education

Don Lanza

Val Herd

Library:

Ollie Nolan

Quorum was established

Pat Wurth called the meeting to order.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

The President's Report:

The decision to send 1099 forms for tuition reimbursement has been reversed.

All security personnel are CPR and FA certified and trained to use defibrillators

The new financial aid rules will affect all students on financial aid. Students paying their own way can explore gen courses at their own will.

The cooperative effort between community colleges and K-12 includes the following new initiatives:

- All high school seniors must take a 4th year of math and science effective 2012.
- For year 2013 the ACT derivative will be required in 8th and 9th grades.
- A study has identified an intervention is needed in pre-kindergarten to 3rd grade for success in math.

In response to concerns the RSCC administration may be unclear as to what types of degrees are going to be in demand; Dr. Goff provided the following information:

RSCC has identified 13 credit programs and added 3 programs. The added programs are:

- TVA and DOE requested a nuclear procurement tech certificate program.
- New Amtec grant for advanced materials tech- both a certificate and associates degree program.
- Allied Health Science is adding a Surgical Tech program- a certificate program.

In regard to the application in drawers that might assist in meeting the RSCC numbers needed for graduation, Dr. Goff said the files in drawers are records of completed courses and needed to be reviewed and degrees awarded.

Dr. Goff also agreed the first 15 hour blocks would need to be tweaked according to specific majors.

Report on Lumina Workshops

Both Pat Wurth and Pat Jenkins attended the Lumina Grant Workshop. Pat Jenkins attended the Gen. Ed. Group where the cohorts discussed what different community colleges were doing. Some cohorts have compressed courses and some do not. The students are pre-loaded into cohorts so no registration is needed nor is there any schedule selection. Every college has to do something in cohorts. It is projected most students will be in cohorts in the future.

Pat Wurth attended the Early Childhood Ed. Group. She noted every college is doing cohorts very differently and with very little guidance. At this point, there appears to be no standard. RSCC's early childhood is already doing cohorts.

It was also noted that the Y-12 group already has a cohort established and they only have Friday classes (as these students work Monday through Thursday).

Constitution Committee Report

None provided.

Syllabus Committee Report

George Meghabghab said the syllabus will be provided in both .pdf and .doc file format and the fonts could be changed. He provided the senate with printed examples. A suggestion was made that the course info section should have the course description as it read in the catalog. George said this was the template as a minimum of information required and the one could add to it as they saw fit. He said the goal was to provide continuity throughout RSCC.

George reminded faculty to respond regarding the Benroth nomination by 3/1.

Financial Aid Issues. Joy Goldberg provided a presentation.

One question posed was if the limitation on number of hours would affect financial aid?

Joy said in the past there was a qualitative and quantitative and maximum rule. This included a 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing 67% of coursework per year and up to 150% of a declared major included in those hours.

Now the rules are tightening the amount of loans and Pell dollars and only paying financial aid for courses needed to complete a degree. Students still need a 2.0 cumulative GPA and be on pace to get a degree with the 67% of all course work but the maximum hours allowed is 90 attempted hours (not earned). If the goal is achieved in 60 hours the degree is awarded and the student is done; unless student changes their major. Then the student declares a new degree and can (with FA committee approval) get 30 more hours. RSCC has a FA committee and they are considering limiting the number of degrees and number of majors, and the number of times you can repeat a course.

At RSCC 75% of students are receiving some form of financial aid.

If there is no mathematical way a student can complete their program, financial aid will cut the student off.

Lottery changes include if a student has 12 hours and drops a course the student loses their lottery. The student can appeal. There is also a summer lottery (6 hours minimum).

Joy suggested students be directed to the one-stop for financial aid questions or call the call center with basic questions. There is no financial aid office per se any more.