

Faculty Council

20 April 2011 Meeting (postponed from 13 April)

The meeting was convened at 3:30 pm with the following members in attendance:

Don Brown*	Roger James	Carol Norman	Kim White
Mechel Camp	Donna Johnsey	Bob Raines	*denotes newly-elected faculty council members for 2011-2013.
Emily Bates Fortner*	Dee Jones*	Becca Rhea*	
Powell Franklin	Andrew Kelley	Amy Wake	

Ballots for the At-Large Representative were tallied; Sheila Holland will fill this role next year.

2010/2011 Faculty Council Chair, Carol Norman introduced the incoming representatives to Faculty Council for 2011/2012: Don Brown, Emily Bates Fortner, Dee Jones, Becca Rhea, and Barbara Scott-Goodman. Returning for the second year of their terms are: Patty Easley, Powell Franklin, Andrew Kelley, Bob Raines, and Rob Wyatt, with Carol Norman returning as *ex-officio*.

The officers for the 2011/2012 Faculty Council, as nominated and unanimously elected by this body, are: Bob Raines, chair; Powell Franklin, vice-chair; Emily Bates Fortner, secretary.

In other business, the Faculty Council discussed the many concerns and expressions of consternation which have circulated since the announcement of the termination of our *Early Childhood Education* program. The consensus among our faculty seems to be that both our college and our community are losing out on opportunities when we no longer offer such programs. It has been anecdotally reported that Dyersburg State Community College will benefit from increased enrollment in their ECE program during Fall 2011.

Bob Raines announced that the trees have been purchased, which are planned to be planted in *memoriam* of Ron Curtis, Winston Dixon, and Lori Pearson. This will take place on Earth Day, Friday, 22 April, at 11:00 am between the science building and pond. Anyone who feels moved to speak on behalf of Ron, Winston, or Lori, will be welcome to do so. The proceedings should be less ceremonial than celebratory of the lives & accomplishments of our dear colleagues.

The annual Faculty Brunch has been planned as a “bring-your-own-brown-bag” picnic near the walking trail (in the Student Union Building in the event of rain) on 6 May during a time to be announced.

Pursuant to a strongly-worded concern from the faculty body, a motion was made and unanimously approved for the incoming executive officers to discuss, with Darron Billings, whether any safety issues or health hazards may arise when renovations are completed on the Nelms Classroom Building. Of especial concern to several of our faculty is the possibility of the presence of asbestos. In accordance with the wording of this motion, Professors Raines, Franklin, and Fortner will ascertain whether these renovations are OSHA compliant and if there exists any threat of personal harm to faculty, staff, or students during or after the renovations.

All items on the agenda having been addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Powell Franklin, Secretary