

JSCC Faculty Council Meeting Minutes October 19, 2011

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. with the following people present:

Council Members: Bob Raines, Council Chair (Psychology); Powell Franklin, Council Vice-Chair (English); Emily Bates Fortner, Council Secretary (Sociology); Don Brown (CIS); Patty Easley (PTA); Andrew Kelley (English); Shelia Holland (Nursing); Barbara Scott-Goodman (Nursing); Claude Bailey (Biology, proxy for Richard Coppings)

Absent Council Members: Rob Wyatt (Nursing); Becca Rhea (Communication); Dee Jones (Nursing); Carol Norman (ex-officio)

Visitors: Pam Xanthopoulos (Communication)

Dr. Raines called the meeting to order. Pam Xanthopoulos made a brief announcement regarding the TN-AAUP meeting that will be held at MTSU on Nov. 5th at 10:00 am. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend. Lunch was to be provided. Dr. Warren Nichols, former President at Volunteer State Community College, who is the newly appointed TBR Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, will discuss the new community college system along with the mission for community colleges.

Dr. Raines announced that SIRS II course evaluations will be conducted online this year. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness requested that the Faculty Council make a recommendation regarding how to insure compliance. The council discussed multiple options, but all agreed that it needed to be a consistent and uniform process that all faculty would follow. Council members suggested that final grades would be held until the student completed the online SIRS evaluation. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness would provide faculty with a list of students who had not completed the online evaluation. The proposal was unanimously supported and the recommendation will be sent to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Ms. Fortner was asked to discuss a concern which was brought to her attention by another faculty member. A faculty member had been the target of alleged sexual harassment by an admittedly intoxicated JSCC student. The incident was reported to Student Services. The faculty member who was the victim of the harassment felt that the response to the incident had been insufficient. The faculty member was also concerned for the safety of other faculty members who would be in contact with this student. The council agreed to ask the Office of Academic Affairs for a review of the JSCC policy regarding sexual harassment by students, and would also request a review of this particular incident.

Regarding an agenda item from the September meeting, Dr. Raines spoke with Bobby Smith, Vice President of Academic Affairs, about the protocol for the use of online course shells by full-time faculty. Mr. Smith's initial response was that full-time faculty should have the flexibility to change course assignments as long as the main content of the course remained intact. Mr. Smith has forwarded the question and concern to the committee that handles online courses. Dr. Raines has not heard an official response yet.

Dual enrollment concerns have been discussed in previous council meetings and have also been the topic of recent Arts and Sciences Division meetings. Mr. Franklin suggested that the council should develop a list of concerns that the faculty have regarding the JSCC dual enrollment program. Dr. Raines suggested that we solicit input from the faculty and that at our November meeting we would discuss the concerns and develop a list of recommendations which would be submitted to the Office

of Academic Affairs. The faculty will be asked to submit their concerns to Mr. Franklin who will compile them and present them to the council at the next meeting.

Carol Norman has been in contact with Dr. Paula Short at TBR regarding the inclusion of JSCC-specific information in the degree program sheets for the JSCC course catalogue. Since Carol was not present due to an illness, we anticipate an update on this process at the next meeting.

The next Faculty Council meeting will occur November 16th at 3 p.m. in the Foundation Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.