



FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date	May 4, 2021
Location	Blackboard Collaborate (COVID)
Time	4:00 pm

Attendees

Role	Name
Chair	Peter Anderson
Minute Taker	TK Krpec
Attendees	Peter Anderson, Liz Rexford, TK Krpec, Amy Acord, Andrew Berezin, Susan Denman-Briones, Ross Couvillon, Pat Korenek, Willie Myles, Brady Hutchison, Gary Bonewald, Hector Weir, Larry Jenkins, Obi Nwosu, Muna Saqer, Ava Humme, Debbie Luttinger
Absent	Demitrius Moore, Kamille Yagci, TaQuita Hogan-Claiborne

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00

Information Items

	Description
1.	<p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TASB Update: FC representatives met with President McCrohan to discuss TASB. Changes have been made to portions that they could be made to, and this will be sent out soon. This issue has also been discussed at the Extended Cabinet. 2. Strategic/Master Plan: There is no real progress to report. The college is still assessing which routes will best fit WCJC's future. A retreat is supposed to be held sometime in May to discuss all possibilities. FC representatives were told that some faculty would be chosen to provide input before this meeting takes place in late May. FC reps will reach out to Pres. McCrohan to see if these faculty members have been selected. VP Allen has provided two sessions on this issue stating the overall objectives. What is not clear is the timeline and the actual "plan" for the various campuses. 3. Student IDs: any student on any campus that requests an ID, starting in the fall 2021 semester, will be able to receive a legitimate student ID with the picture. FC wants to thank everyone involved for making this happen! 4. TurnItIn: if there isn't enough support by the entire school to warrant keeping the service for everyone, the school may reduce the number of licenses purchased for this product. This would allow those who are using it to continue to use it but would not include the entire college. The use of this service encouraged to aid in the prevention of plagiarism, which continues to steadily increase. FC representatives will contact DE on the idea of hosting a convocation opportunity featuring TurnItIn. 5. Website/Marketing: In a meeting with the president, it was noted that the website is in the process of being updated (WCJC is receiving bids from website contractors). This was also mentioned in the strategic plan meeting with VP Allen. FC hopes this website update remains separate from our marketing strategy. WCJC is currently exploring many marketing avenues (YouTube, Pandora, Radio), but it was stated that there isn't a cost-effective way of knowing which of these marketing avenues are most successful. FC would like to see the Ft. Bend campuses and the academic classes

	<p>offered there marketed more effectively to increase the competition with HCC and LoneStar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. New Mask Mandate: WCJC will not require masks, vaccines, or social distancing for students (with the exception of Allied Health) starting fall 2021. The situation is being closely monitored and is subject to change as situations develop. Faculty members cannot impose a mask rule in their class, lab or office. 7. Blackboard/Distance Ed: It is the general sentiment from faculty that DE is doing a wonderful job at preparing faculty for online situations, and we would like to thank DE for their hard work and diligence. 8. UIL: FC will contact the UIL reps to work on smoothing the process for next year 9. TRIO: TRIO still has resources available for student grants. Please share this with your students! 10. Students who take an English 1 or Math 1 class and didn't do well on the TSI test must take a required support class (NCBI). This accompanying support class is paired with a traditional class (ENGL or MTH 1) that includes students who passed the TSI. Students who pass the TSI and sign up for the traditional portion are still prompted to sign up for the support class, however. This causes them to waist money by taking an unnecessary class. It also takes away a potential slot for students who need that class. FC (reps and SDB) will take this to the Student Success Council (or VP Collins if SSC doesn't meet soon). 11. FC wants to sincerely thank VP Collins and DE for providing training opportunities throughout the past few months and over the summer. Providing faculty with the resources to complete the required training before the end of the spring semester is greatly appreciated. Remember to complete your mandatory online summer training to receive your stipend!
2.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Faculty Association meeting minutes – completed via email 2. Report on Board of Trustees Meeting (sent via email) 3. Report on Extended Cabinet Meeting

Action Items

	Description	Responsible Party	Due Date/Status
1.	Reach out to Pres. McCrohan regarding faculty input in strategic/master plan	Officers	ASAP
2	Ask DE if a convocation session for TurnItIn can be provide.	Officers	ASAP
3.	Get in touch with WCJC UIL personnel to discuss organization and the possibility of a biennial rotation system for UIL duties.	Officers	ASAP
4.	Meet with SGL director to discuss bookstore options	Officers	Before next meeting
5.	FC reps and Susan will reach out to SSC or VP Collins in regards to English/math NCBI classes.	Officers	Before next meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 4:41 PM

Chair

Date