

Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2007

Present: Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Cliff Bekar, Associate Professor of Economics; Mervyn Brockett, Assistant to the President; .Ken Clifton, Associate Professor of Biology; Dinah Dodds, Professor of German; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

Excused: Deborah Heath, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Announcements: None.

Agenda Items:

1. The minutes of November 1, 2007, were approved.
2. Dean de Paula presented an additional capital equipment request for the purchase of three Saw Stop Table Saws. Because of the safety issue involved, Faculty Council agreed to forward the request to Larry Atchison with a ranking of 15.
3. Faculty Council continued its discussion of a course release policy.
4. Faculty Council briefly discussed the expansion of the AES program. Dean de Paula explained the rationale behind the request. The idea is to provide a lower level of English instruction to international students. Currently, the lowest level is very high. With the removal of lower-level instruction, we have a significantly lower number of international students. More and more, other countries are telling students only to go to colleges not requiring TOEFL scores. The goal of this proposal is to create more international degree-seeking students. The College is being out-competed by institutions that don't have as high an entry level of English as we do. Beyond that is the issue of diversity on campus and building international understanding. Dean de Paula asked Faculty Council to review the document for the next meeting.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 15, 1:50 p.m.