MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
OF COASTAL BEND COLLEGE
FEBRUARY 12, 2010

The Faculty Senate of Coastal Bend College met on February 12, 2010, in the distance learning rooms. Vice President Ann Richmond, who presided for President Elden Price who was unable to attend, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. John W. Fox gave the invocation.

Senators present were:

Donna Atkins
Karl Clark
Lisa Craig-Young
John W. Fox
Jerry Frazier
Floyd Green
Eddie Guidry
Jeanene Jones
Ed Massey
Katie Perez
Ann Richmond

Senators absent were:
Noemi Aguilar
Anna Green
Cynthia Hatcher
Darien Lieker
Elden Price

Visitors Present:

Juanita Dominguez
Katie Perez
Millie Powell
Margaret Rojas

On a motion by John Fox, seconded by Ed Massey, The Minutes of the meetings of December 11, 2009, and January 15, 2010, were approved as written with one correction to each.

There were no public comments.

The following reports were received:

Nominating and Elections: Katie Perez stated that her group had not yet had enough time to consider items referred for discussion. This included nominations for
positions for the 2010-2011 Senate officers. Nominations for 2010-2011 were due at the current meeting and not yet available due to the study of the Bylaws and proposed changes by another committee. On a motion by John Fox, seconded by Jerry Frazier, the Senate voted to suspend the Bylaws for at least a month and to further recommend that the current officers have their positions continued for another year. This will help the new organization become firmly established as the Senate replacing the old Faculty Association. Ms. Perez stated that her committee would continue working and have additional information at a future meeting.

**Salary and Benefits Committee:** Ms. Milnrich stated she would have a report available at the next meeting. (Note: Report now posted in the Reports section on the Senate website.)

**Bylaws Committee:** Ms. Powell reported her committee was reviewing the Bylaws and had found a few minor wording inconsistencies. She further stated that her committee would be making recommendations for minor changes possibly needed for the Bylaws including limiting the number of committees on which a Senator may serve and rewording selected sections for consistency and extending officer positions permanently to two years.

**Academic Freedom and Responsibility:** Juanita Dominguez reported that her committee had been working and had a report ready but did not have it prepared to submit at the current meeting. It will be placed on the Senate’s website prior to the next meeting for review. (Note: Report now posted in the Reports section on the Senate website.)

**Evaluation of Instruction Committee:** Chair Danny Burns was present and there was no report. The senate discussed the recent evaluation process briefly with no action taken.

**Social and Courtesy:** Chair Margaret Rojas stated her committee did not feel it should be a committee as part of the Senate. The social activities for the college involved more than just faculty and all activities now go through the President’s office anyway. Recent party planning events were taken over elsewhere and her committee was not allowed to function in the manner defined in the Bylaws. This was discussed at length and referred to the Bylaws Committee to work with Ms. Rojas in determining whether or not this committee is really needed as part of the Senate structure.

**Facilities Committee:** No report due to the absence of Irma Trevino.

A report on TSI was expected from Irma Cantu but she was unable to attend. Ms. Richmond indicated she would be invited back to a future meeting to report on these initiatives.

Katie Perez, chair of the ad hoc committee to study the proposed distance learning guidelines presented by Michelle Duran at the last meeting, stated the committee had been working and would have a report at an upcoming meeting.
There being no further business, the on a motion by John Fox, seconded by Jeanene Jones, meeting was adjourned.