Quorum is present -  15 members present out of 17 elected senators

Agenda attached:

Public (members) comments:

None

Consent Agenda
November & February minutes approved

Senate President's report:

1 TCCTA Report – sent out to all faculty through email

2 Aliseda Reception – Mr. Jose Aliseda is the Texas Representative for three campuses. He spoke to CBC about the Texas Budget and bills sent by committee to the House; over 2000 bills are in committee, but only a small percentage make it out of committee.

3 State Health care benefit – There is a question concerning health care funding for community colleges. They must change the law to continue benefits as stated, or not fund it (current employees).

4 Evaluation of Instruction Committee report - see committee reports section

5 Equity in overloads – see committee reports section
Committee Reports

Bylaws

Chairperson: John Fox, representing Millie Powell (committee chair)

Presentation: Reviewing the By-Laws issue of Senate term-limits; & voting by electronic means

Discussion: They allow 3 years for Senators – no change in By-Laws needed. Discussed voting via WebCt – agreed it works. Amador & Yolanda will assist faculty who are not familiar with WebCt. It can be anonymous

Recommendation: No change needed in By-Laws. Voting will be conducted via WebCt.

Salary and Benefits

Chairperson: Richard Cowart

Presentation: Report on issue of changing faculty titles to Professor

Discussion: A sub-committee is going to conduct a survey of all faculty; based on discussions with Administration, a title change can NOT be based on Rank or Tenure. 24% of community colleges in TX have Rank & Tenure. More than 12 use the title Professor.

The sub-committee is Emmanuel Alvarado, Christy Moreno, JJ Sanchez, Tom Sellers, Phyllis Garcia, Joel Schmidt & La Della Levy

Recommendation

Agenda Items

Agenda Item # 1 Teacher of the Year Award

Presentation: We have been directed by Administration to come up with criteria for this award. Some want it to be about service w/guidelines. Others would like other criteria.

Discussion:

Motion

Motion to create a committee to draft guidelines to choose the awardee – this committee will only draft guidelines. Emmanuel Alvarado volunteered to head it.

Motion made by: John Fox

Second by:

For All Against None
Agenda Item #2: Student Awards

Presentation:

Discussion:

Motion

Motion to turn over Student Awards issue to Executive Committee

Motion by: John Fox

Second:

Vote: For _____ All _____ Against _____

Agenda Item #3: Letter of Support for Dr Baynum & invite to next meeting

Presentation:

Discussion:

Motion

Letter of Support for Dr Baynum and Appreciation by the Faculty for his service to CBC

Motion by: Elden Price

Second:

Vote: For _____ All _____ Against _____

Anything Else?

New Business for next meeting: