The Faculty Senate of Coastal Bend College met on March 26, 2010, in the Distance Learning rooms. President Elden Price presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. An invocation was given.

Senators present were:

Elden Price, President  
Ann Richmond, President Elect  
Noemi Aguilar  
Karl Clark  
Jerry Frasier  
Anna Green  
Jeanene Jones  
Ed Massey  
Sarah Milnarich for Lisa Craig-Young  
Becky Simonson

Senators Members Absent

Donna Atkins, Secretary (Title V Meeting)  
John Fox, Parliamentarian  
Floyd Green  
Eddie Guidry  
Cynthia Hatcher  
Darien Lieker

Visitors Present

Connie O'Brien  
Betty Sims  
Chris Wagner

A motion was made a seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were no public comments

Reports

Chris Wagner and Connie O’Brien gave a presentation on the proposed IDEA Center which stands for Instructional Distance Education Assistance Center. They explained that the purpose of the Center would be to have a resource area for faculty to create multimedia presentations.

Jeanene Jones asked if there would be travel money for those teaching off campus, and Elden Price asked if faculty was involved in any phase of the creation of the proposed IDEA Center. Connie O’Brien said that Kelly Rea had been talking to individuals about the Center that a group had gone to Austin Community College to see the media center there and that much research had been done. Elden Price made the suggestion that the IDEA Center needed to be addressed with the faculty and emphasized that there needed to be some buy in from the faculty. Ed Massey said there is a feeling that the IDEA Center concept is coming from the top down with no faculty input. Karl Clark asked about the next Title V Academy. Connie O’Brien said that the list of participants has been finalized and individuals would be notified.
Elden Price reminded everyone to talk to faculty members that might be interested in various Faculty Senate positions and let Katie Perez know as soon as possible if they are interested. Mr. Price will get the nomination forms to Donna Atkins so nominations can be made. He stressed that we needed to follow what the By-laws say in terms of nominations.

Sarah Milnarich gave a report for the Salary and Benefits Committee. The Salary and Benefits Committee is recommending three items for consideration as follows:

1. An increase in adjunct pay for a 3 hour class to $2,200 or $733 per semester credit hour which falls above the mean and more closely matches the Alamo Community College District – a main competitor for adjuncts in the area.
2. No load limit be imposed on non-CBC adjunct faculty while Division Chairs continue to monitor the quality and integrity of the teaching utilizing the normal evaluative tools.
3. CBC staff/administrators who teach as adjuncts be limited by the quality of their teaching utilizing normal evaluative tools. Supervisors for their full-time positions be included in the evaluation process to insure that there is minimal reduction in the productivity and quality of work for their full-time position.

Elden Price asked that each recommendation be taken separately.

On recommendation one Jeanene Jones commented that the committee looked at many pay amounts and the Alamo Community College amount was what was realistic in terms of being able to compete locally. Elden Price commented that it would be nice to be in the lead in terms of adjunct pay. Ed Massey moved and Jerry Frasier seconded the motion to approve the first recommendation. There being no further discussion the motion passed.

On item number two Ed Massey said he opposed this recommendation and Becky Simonson concurred. Karl Clark commented that SACS is asking for limits on full-time faculty and we need to consider that we dealing with part-time faculty. Jeanene Jones said that SACS was concerned about full-time to part-time faculty ratio and cares only about the course load for full-time faculty. No vote was taken.

On item number three there was also much discussion. Elden Price finally proposed that items two and three be referred back to committee and involve all faculty in a hearing on these items. Once there was a hearing that all faculty could participate in the items would come back to faculty senate.

Bylaws Committee had no report.

Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee – Becky Simonson briefly reviewed what the committee had done in terms of testing.

Evaluation of Instruction Committee had no report

Social and Courtesy Committee had no report

Facilities Committee had no report.

Elden Price reminded everyone about student awards. He also commented about the use of textbooks in class and that the ordering process was going to change and faculty needed to be aware of that change.

Jeanene Jones wanted everyone to be aware of changes in the WebCT server and information being wiped out. Karl Clark was concerned that faculty had not been made aware of this situation. Jeanene Jones commented that she thought an e-mail would be coming out next week about the problem. Karl Clark commented that here again we have a communication problem.

There being no further business Jeanene Jones moved and Ed Massey seconded to adjourn the meeting.