A meeting of the Coastal Bend College Faculty Association was held on May 8, 2009, during in-service. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a Faculty Senate to replace the Faculty Association. Ballots were distributed for a secret vote on this matter.

The result of the vote was 58 for, 2 against, 2 abstaining. Therefore, the Faculty Association was dissolved and the Faculty Senate was formed.

On a motion by Kevin Behr, seconded by David Sullivan, the new Bylaws were suspended until August at which time new officers and senators for a Faculty Senate will be considered for election. The existing officers were asked to continue until that time. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following were proposed for a Nominating Committee as required by the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

1. 2 academic faculty – Ed Massey, Ryan Navajar
2. 2 workforce education faculty – Elden Price, Millie Powell
3. 3 at large representing all campuses - Sarah Milnarich, Cynthia Hatcher, Irma Trevino

This slate of Nominating Committee members was approved unanimously with Elden Price selected as chair.

A letter for the faculty to self nominate for officer and senator will be sent to faculty this summer and posted to the Faculty Senate website. Faculty, counselors, and librarians are eligible for membership.

Two concerns were discussed.

Awards ceremonies were not held consistently across campuses with the Kingsville Campus not even having a ceremony. Emphasis seemed to be placed more highly on athletic recognition and the events seemed to be poorly coordinated, advertised, and attended. Elden Price suggested that Instructional Services take over the timeline and develop a checklist for awards and Kay Past suggested an expansion of types of award recognitions. On a motion by John Fox, seconded by Betty Sims, the motion was passed and the recommendation will be forwarded to administration for consideration and action.

Problems with prompt deposits to the ORP account were discussed. There seems to be a delay in deposits being made. On a motion by Ed Massey, seconded by Jerry Frasier, the Senate voted to “ask for a formal response from administration on the optional 403B delays and reasons for these delays and request that all future deposits be made in a timely manner”. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned.