The Faculty Senate of Coastal Bend College met on September 17, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Elden Price who announced that faculty who were present for CBC Convocation were encouraged to attend this open meeting even if they were not a senator. There were motions made at this meeting. It was informational only.

John Fox opened the meeting with a prayer beginning with a moment of silence in memory of Ann Richmond who would have been senate president for 2010-2011.

Mr. Price presented what he titled a State of the Faculty Report. Faculty have a seat in the president’s cabinet and he has been attending cabinet meetings and CBC board meetings regularly to represent faculty interests. He stated faculty had regained a voice in the college that had been lost for several years and urged faculty to be vigilant so this voice is not lost again. He asked for issues, concerns, and needs to be shared with elected senators and stated that committee system is one means for continuous improvement for the college and for faculty. He also said he was pleased that at each senate meeting during the past year there was a quorum present. He urged all present to look to the future and work for continuous improvement.

The following issues were presented to faculty for future discussion and consideration.

1. There is administrative concern that faculty are not meeting classes or keeping posted office hours as scheduled. This is based apparently on actions of only a couple of faculty members. Mr. Price urged all faculty police themselves in their schedules and instruction to avoid new administrative rules.
2. People are not all submitting leave forms for excused absences. He encouraged pursuit of an electronic way to submit these forms rather than the paper system the college now has.
3. The Alice mariachi competition needs volunteers to help in April. They are trying to break a world record with the most mariachi groups playing at once. Faculty should see Juan Sanchez for more information.
4. There may be changes in the core curriculum with a minimum of 60 hours required to graduate instead of 62 hours.
5. Governance Council participation is important and should be continued by those involved. He encouraged new faculty and others not currently active to become involved in these councils that feed recommendations directly to the president’s cabinet.
6. There are new laws regarding posting syllabi and vita at no more than three clicks from the front of the college webpage. He encouraged all faculty to get theirs done as quickly as possible so the college will comply with new laws.

Mr. Price thanked everyone for support and thanked last year’s senate and officers for their work. He then reported the results of the senate election and introduced the new senators. There is still one at-large position to fill by special election in September.

Funds are being collected to plant a tree and purchase a plaque in memory of Ann Richmond. Those interested in participating should see Mr. Price.

New senate president Becky Simonson then was introduced and briefly addressed the group.

The meeting was then adjourned.