

SPECIAL SESSION

Friday, June 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

2021-2022 Senators

Tiffanye Sledge (SSE) - *Chair*, Geraldine Woodberry-Wright (ESM) - *Vice Chair*, Kimberly Lee (SSE) - *Secretary*, Stephanie Comer (Library), Bill Eger (SSE/Adjunct), Terry Eusebio (Counseling), Harlan Krepcik (MT), Derek Laws (ESM), Catherine Merritt (HP/Nursing), Darryl Perkinson (ESM/Adjunct), Calvin Scheidt (BCI)

Attendees

Tiffanye Sledge*, Geraldine Woodberry-Wright*, Kimberly Lee*, Harlan Krepcik*, Derek Laws*, Calvin Scheidt*, Deborah Brown, Staci Forgey, Elizabeth Harris, Kendra Hawkins, Carmelita Williams

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Quorum: N/A

- I. Call to Order - The special session was called to order at 11:05 AM.
- II. Open Agenda
 - A. Potential Return to Full Capacity in the Fall - Concerns of no social distancing when there are too many unknowns for the fall, e.g., Delta variant; Particular concerns of common areas, elevators, stairs, etc.; TCC needs a clearly stated preparation plan on the chance we need to pivot to online learning again; Science labs have unique concerns: labs require a lot of movement within the classroom and a lot of equipment handling - based on these concerns - recommendation to keep lower course caps: 18 for Chemistry and 12 for Biology; Request for TCC to provide face shields for faculty, especially in labs; Concerns of being asked to switch fall Zoom classes to F2F at the last minute.
 - B. Science Lab Variance - Concerns of the variability between lab instruction and potential transferability issues, e.g., virtual labs may not be accepted at all institutions.
 - C. Dual Enrollment - Concerns about how DE students are faring in virtual academia; Faculty noted an increase of DE students "disappearing" during the pandemic.
 - D. Scheduling Issues - Are students signing up for F2F classes in the fall? - The sometimes punitive nature of volunteering for new classes (e.g., volunteering to be F2F when others remain Synchronous or testing a condensed format class) which may be later cancelled due to low enrollment particularly hurts adjuncts who TCC relies on for their willingness to volunteer, but then lose classes when colleagues who were not accommodating may retain theirs.
 - E. K. Lee (SS & Ed Department Chair): LEAP Funding Update - Not enough LEAP funds left to invite new students to the program in the fall, but remaining funds will be used to offer summer LEAP students who successfully completed 6 credits a limited amount of fall

funding; TCC is actively targeting these LEAP students to encourage application into an Accelerated Degree Program.

- F. T. Sledge (Chair): Faculty Advising Update - TCC is currently reassessing the program; Administration will be requesting faculty input about the program; The plan remains for students to switch from Academic Advising to faculty advising after the completion of 24 credit hours; There will be another pilot with faculty volunteers; Tentative implementation is Fall 2022.
 - 1. Faculty Advising Concerns - Pathway equity issues; Suggestion to think program-based or even discipline-based instead of pathway-based; Is TCC really considering how much more difficult it is for faculty to successfully advise students at the community college level than it is for university faculty advising?
 - G. Learning Institute Professional Development Suggestions - DEI; Could we create an educational technology needs survey to send to faculty prior to the Learning Institute so that educational technology sessions can be tailored to the faculty?; Suggestion for a session on shared governance to facilitate knowledge and encourage faculty to be a part of governance, which could include a list of committee vacancies and have faculty sign up at the session; Need for sessions that focus on fun and camaraderie, especially coming out of the pandemic.
 - H. Faculty Burnout - Request to address faculty burnout from the pandemic, possibly at the Learning Institute; Need for research on faculty burnout at the community college level.
- III. Next PFS Meeting - Special Session: Friday, July 30 at 11:00 AM via Zoom.
 - IV. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Lee, Secretary.