

SSCA 2015 – Community College Division – Business Meeting Minutes
Tampa Florida – Thursday April 9, 2015

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Rick Falvo, Vice Chair.
- II. Members introduced themselves: Rick Falvo, Nakia Welch, Brad Bailey, Kirsten Heintz, Richard Quianthy, Deborah Hefferin, Robin Bower, Monette Callaway, Scott Christen, Laurie Metcalf, Eduardo Rodriguez Trevizo, Beau Foutz, William Maze, Megan Senter, Amber Schmisser.
- III. Minutes from 2014 were tabled.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. 2015 convention- Program Information: we have 8 slots including one business meeting.
 - B. There were 32 GIFTS submissions: 9 were rejected. 4 panels were submitted and one was not recommended for inclusion in the session.
 - C. We have one spotlight session which includes people from the host city Tampa.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Nominations/Elections
 1. Vice Chair Elect: Minette Caraway
(This person becomes 2017 Vice Chair & Program Planner for Greenville, South Carolina)
 2. Secretary Robin Jo Bower-Miller will serve again for 2016
 - B. 2016 Convention:
 1. Proposal ideas for 2016 Austin: "Communication and Conscience":
 - a. Offering Bachelor's Degrees and how it effects accreditation
 - b. Teaching load and how it affects our conscience to keep up with research & discipline.
 - c. Dual-enrollment
 - d. Non-traditional roles of a traditional community college
 - e. Strategies for dealing with or preparing special needs students and disability services.
 - f. Adjuncts and the issues that they face
 - g. Academic, extracurricular, and professional threads were discussed such as: navigating community college services.
 - h. The erosion of academic freedom when dealing with special needs students and dual enrolled students.
 - i. Retention and completion methods with a conscience.
 - j. Community service at Austin CC as a possible way of spotlighting the host city.
 - k. Testing and assessments
 - l. G.I.F.T.S.: we discussed that as a group we should adopt criteria that NCA follows for G.I.F.T.S. submissions.
 2. Send proposals to program planner & 2016 Vice Chair, Nakia Welch, nswelch@com.edu
 3. Deadline: September 10th and then submitted to the Vice President of SSCA.
 - C. The 2015 Recipient of the Suzie Osbourne Excellence in Community College Teaching Award went to Monette Callaway.
 - D. Remarks were made by incoming chair Rick Falvo.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Robin Jo Bower-Miller
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