The College Council met on Thursday, November 16, 2006. Members absent were: Marie Heaton, Cornelia Miller, Susan McBride, Kathleen Hall, Sara Stallworth (Brewton SGA President) and Mike Tedder. Members present were: Latitia McCane, Sherry Martin, Lee Barrentine, Tonya Nelson, Richard Lynn, David Jones, Bernie Wall, Loletta Redmon, Beverly Gulley, Al Bennett, Mike Kircharr (student), Tina McCune, Atmore SGA President, and Ada Adams.

Ms. Sherry Martin presided over the meeting in Dr. McBride’s absence.

Ms. Martin reminded everyone that the annual Christmas luncheon will be held on December 13th at the Brewton Country Club. She also said that all employees should attend the professional development session the morning of the 13th. The guest speaker is Brad McClain.

She informed members that the annual golf tournament netted almost $8,000 for the JDCC Foundation with proceeds going to scholarships. She stated that we are fortunate to have the support of the community during this fundraising event.

Dean Bernie Wall gave an update on parking lot constructions at the Hines Building and the ATN Building. Construction began about three weeks ago, and Dean Wall hopes they will be completed by the end of the year if the weather cooperates. He added that new lights will be installed for security and safety measures. He also remarked that one reason more parking was needed was because fewer students had their own transportation when the buildings and parking lots were originally built; therefore, parking was sufficient at that time. In the early years, students were bussed to JD from surrounding areas.

Ms. Martin verified that everyone had received a copy of the revised commitment to diversity. She read it to the group then asked if there were any questions or a need for further revisions. There were no further recommendations.

Discussion regarding revising the council meeting times and location was tabled until the next meeting since none of the members present voiced an opinion. Ms. Martin suggested meeting less often and face-to-face rather than via telecommunications.

Ms. Martin commented that the character trait for the month “hospitality” was appropriate for the holidays. She said that we should always show hospitality to our students so they will feel welcome on campus.

Ms. Martin reminded everyone to select an angel from the angel tree as a way of sharing with those who are less fortunate.

When asked for items from the floor, one of our students asked if all students could use the weight room. Dean Jones said it is limited to athletes and coaches since a coach has to be present when students are using the facilities. The student asked if an
instructor is present, could they use it. Dean Jones said they may consider it under certain circumstances. Ms. Martin said that the request would have to be made in writing to Dean Jones.

Ms. Martin reminded everyone that pre-registration for the spring semester has begun, and she asked everyone to recruit everywhere we go. She also encourages advisors to enroll students in as large a number of credit hours as they can handle.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Ada Adams