MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Johnston M. Brendel, Speaker of Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting & Retreat - Part II

Agenda
August 29, 2003
2:00-4:00pm
UC Tejas Room 106 A

I. Approval of July 11, 2003 minutes

II. Standing Committees
   A. Academic Affairs - Bala
   B. Faculty Affairs - Meyer
      1. Emeritus status for Dr. Steven S. Barnes
   C. Awards/Bylaws/Election - Melrose
   D. Budget Analysis - Zebda
   E. Committee on Committees - Morvant

IV. Action Items
   A. Faculty Affairs Committee
      1. Emeritus status for Dr. Steven S. Barnes

V. Provost's Report

VI. Speaker's Report/Discussion/Information Items
   A. Senate Roster (enclosed)
   B. Senate Schedule (enclosed)
   C. Response from President Furgason (enclosed)

VII. Other Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Summer Retreat - Part II GOAL SETTING FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2003-2004

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Faculty Senate Meeting

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Minutes of July 11, 2003


Absent: Crowley, Kownslar, Purdy, Zebda

The meeting was called to order at about 9:15 a.m. Following brief introductions of new senators, Brendal asked that the schedule of the agenda be changed in order to allow Provost Harper to attend emergency meetings regarding the path of Hurricane Claudette, now approaching the south central Texas Gulf Coast. Senators unanimously agreed.

1. Approval of April 25, 2003 Minutes

Winston suggested that the minutes concerning discussion on proposed University Rule 12.01.99.C3 (Faculty Dismissals, Administrative Leave, Non-reappointments and Terminal Appointments) be changed to more accurately reflect distinctions in Senate discussion of these issues. Issues regarding changes in tenure (Section 7.3 of the proposed new policy) were distinct from the sections regarding dismissals and non-reappointments for non-tenured tenure track faculty. The proposed new policy would actually afford non-tenured tenure track faculty more protection from arbitrary dismissals and non-reappointment than present policy. It was also pointed out that Canales’ name should be added to the list of new senators. Senators agreed that the minutes should be changed on both counts. The revised minutes were approved.

2. Action Items –
   a. Revisions to University Rule 15.99.01.C1.01 (Assurance of Protection of Human Research Subjects) were approved as written, as per the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee.

3. Speaker’s Report

   a. Brendel thanked former Senator Eric Moore for having crafted the Senate’s letter of concern to the president regarding new A&M system policy requirements on faculty tenure. The Senate has received no response on this matter.
b. Brendel and Ivy reported that the Senate’s proposed policy regarding chairs of academic departments had met stiff resistance from the deans and several chairs. Issues of particular concern included the proposal’s establishment of term limits for chairs, inclusion of a no-confidence clause, and provisions attempting to implement faculty involvement in the selection process. In an attempt to resolve the impasse, Provost Harper suggested the possibility of forming a task force of senators, chairs, and academic deans, although no formal course has been decided upon at this time.

c. Brendel also noted that debate about the amount of and process for faculty involvement in annual evaluation of academic deans continues.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:03. The next Senate Meeting will be Friday, August 29. Senators immediately reconvened as part of their scheduled summer retreat, which will also continue following the August business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wooster
MEMORANDUM

To: John Brendel, Speaker, Faculty Senate

From: Kenneth E. Brown, Senior Administrative Assistant

Date: 27 March 2003

Re: Professor Emeritus Recommendation for Dr. Steven S. Barnes

The Professor Emeritus Recommendation for Dr. Steven Barnes is forwarded for the consideration of the Faculty Senate. Please note that the original recommendation by Dr. Grady Price Blount is in the Provost’s Office.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask...

Ken Brown
Ext 2349
March 27, 2003

Dr. Sandra Harper  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Dear Dr. Harper,

On behalf of the Awards Committee for the College of Science and Technology I am pleased to be able to convey our unanimous recommendation of Dr. Steven S. Barnes for Professor Emeritus. As this nomination packet illustrates, Dr. Barnes has served the University and his discipline with distinction and dedication.

Sincerely,

Michelle Moore

Michelle D. Moore, Ph.D.  
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### Fall 2003

- **Friday, August 29**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  UC-Tejas A 106  
  - Retreat Part II and business meeting
- **Friday, September 19**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  UC-Tejas A 106
- **Friday, October 24**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  UC-Tejas A 106
- **Friday, November 21**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  UC-Dolphin 306
- **Friday, December 12**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  UC-Oso 221

### Spring 2004

- **Friday, January 30**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  TBA
- **Friday, February 20**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  TBA
- **Friday, March 26**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  TBA
- **Friday, April 23**  
  2:00 – 4:00 pm  
  TBA

### Fall Executive Committee Meetings:

- **Friday, August 22**  
  11-Noon  
  Senate Conference Room
- **Monday, Sept. 8**  
  11-Noon  
  Senate Conference Room
- **Monday, Oct. 13**  
  11-Noon  
  Senate Conference Room
- **Monday, Nov. 10**  
  11-Noon  
  Senate Conference Room
- **Monday, Dec. 1**  
  11-Noon  
  Senate Conference Room
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Johnston M. Brendel  
   Speaker, TAMU-CC Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: TAMUS System Policy, 12.01, Section 9.2.4  
   Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure

I received your recent memo regarding the issues that the TAMU-CC Faculty Senate has expressed with the wording of the above referenced policy. Your concerns are well articulated and do pose issues in the event that actions would trigger implementation of this section of System’s Policy.

The dilemma, as with many aspects of policy wording, is that many of the descriptors are not very specific and are left to interpretation. You have identified some of these troubles in this situation and even some of the additional comments have similar issues such as the terminology – academic worth or merit – as an example.

I hope that the language we are adopting in our Rules will help with some of these issues. Since this is a System’s Policy and was fairly recently adopted by the Regents, there may be reluctance from System officials to revisit this policy. Our best approach is probably to create an organizational environment whereby either the policy will not be implemented or if conditions do so dictate that we have procedures in place to provide clarification of the more ambiguous elements of the policy.

My thanks to you and the members of the Senate for your thoughtful analysis of this concern.

[Signature]

Robert R. Furgason  
President

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cc: Provost Harper
Faculty Senate
2003-2004

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To: Dr. John Brendal, Faculty Senate Speaker
   xc: (Memo only) to A & H Faculty; Academic Deans; Dr. Harper

From: Paul Hain, Dean

Date: June 30, 2003

Subject: Receiving Pay for Adopting a Textbook

Attached is the article “Selling Out; a Textbook Example” from the June 27 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. I was disappointed to read about faculty who acknowledged adopting a textbook for pay, sometimes justifying the decision because they needed the money to pay for a specific item.

The College of Arts & Humanities chairs and I discussed this today at our regular meeting and agreed we all firmly disapprove of such behavior. Faculty have an obligation to their students to adopt the best textbook available. Various factors may legitimately enter into that decision, including the price of the textbook and perhaps auxiliary study materials provided by the publisher, but direct payments from the publisher to the professor, in our view, should not be happening.

There are many gray areas, obviously, but there are also clearly delineated lines one should not cross. We decided that, for A&M-CC, guidelines concerning offers of cash for adopting a textbook would best come from the Faculty Senate. Hence this memo. We ask that the Faculty Senate consider this issue and provide guidelines for the A&M-CC faculty on this issue.

Encl: June 27 *Chronicle*, pp A8, A9, & A10.
Faculty Senate Meeting

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Issues raised during Faculty Senate Summer Retreat (Part I) of July 11, 2003

Senate assignments to university councils

Times and dates of Senate meetings

Better means of communicating and including the general faculty in Senate proceedings

Faculty involvement in state budget issues

Faculty enhancement issues (research, sabbaticals, pay raises)

Continued opportunities for summer teaching

Faculty teaching loads

Family leave policy

Night classes (6:00 rather than 7:00 starting times for weekly classes)

Closing the gaps

Status of librarians

Partial retirement for faculty