Minutes of September 20, 2002


Absent: Ricard

Guests: Gorecki, Johnston, Maroney, Sousse

Meeting started at 2:01 p.m. Motion made to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

I. MINUTES
Minutes of June 21, 2002 approved. Motion made to approve the Fact Sheet of August 23, 2002. Friendly amendment to Fact Sheet (Zebda) “The senate selected six issues to concentrate on the 2002-2003 academic year:
(1) Salary Adjustment Process
(2) Faculty Teaching Load – examining a 3/3 teaching load and different aspects of release time.
(3) Shared Governance (including but not limited to selection, retention and evaluation of administrators)
(4) Summer Issues
(5) Transparency of financial issues (including but not limited to input on managing/investing university funds)
(6) Faculty Development
Motion to approve the Fact Sheet with the friendly amendment approved unanimously.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS
A. Dr. Robert Maroney, Faculty Athletic Representative. Dr. Maroney explained the role of the faculty athletic representative on the NCAA. He stated that he is also a source for students to go to for information outside of the University Athletic Department, and he is a liaison for the Faculty. He referred the senators to the information in the packet and took questions from the senators.

B. Ms. Linda Sousse, President, Student Government Association. Ms. Sousse introduced Ed Gorecki, Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Ms. Sousse spoke of the goals and visions of the SGA. She talked about the Pick-A-Prof Website documents in the packet that the
SGA is currently focusing on. She answered questions from the senators.

C. **Dr. Claudia Johnston, Associate VP Academic Affairs.** Dr. Johnston distributed and discussed a handout from the Faculty Development Advisory Committee. She spoke about the 2002-2003 Activities Plan and answered questions from the Senators.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

1. The committee has met and discussed faculty duty and compensation for summer teaching, making a study of the aspiration group regarding summer compensation, revising the catalog review process (revising the catalog every two years instead of every year) and revising how faculty is listed in the catalog.

B. Awards/Bylaws/Elections

1. The committee will send out a memorandum on Monday to the Deans notifying them of the awards for the 2002-2003 academic year.

2. The Bylaws will be revised after revision to the Constitution.

C. Budget Analysis

1. The committee has met and discussed goals and summer teaching.

2. The committee requested the support of the senate on obtaining information from the University Budgeting office.

3. The chair, Zebda, thanked the provost for announcing that the University will expect to reach salary parity for faculty with other Texas institutions by 2005. The Provost clarified that this was an example the goal setting process which is still in draft form.

4. Zebda stated that the Budget Analysis Committee will continue to work with the University to achieve salary parity for faculty.

D. Committee on Committees

1. The committee has not met yet. The committee has committed to work with the other committees on their issues and Brendel requested that the chairs of the other committees contact him with their specific research needs.

E. Faculty Affairs Committee

1. The committee met and discussed the harassment rule and is in the process of reviewing the Mid-Administrators rule.

2. The committee also discussed workload and release time. Paul Orser will be attending their next meeting to give a presentation.

3. The committee will have action item.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Faculty Affairs

1. Revised Draft of the Proposed Rule 34.01.99.C1 Harassment. The committee made the following motion to amend the draft (Ivy):

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"Whereas, the University needs a current and comprehensive harassment policy and the proposed policy, 34.01.99.C1 has been the subject of much dialogue, BIRT (be it resolved) that the Faculty Affairs Committee recommends that the Senate approve the proposed rule policy with the following change:

Add the following footnote to Section 6.1: ....gender], race, color...

While sexual orientation is not an official category protected by federal or state law on discrimination or System policy, treating all people with courtesy, decency, and respect is part of the University's institutional policy."

2. After discussion, Crowley proposed a motion to amend the proposed rule by unstriking the phase "and/sexuality" in Section 4.2. The motion was 2nd by Lewin. After discussion the question was called. The vote was 7 for, 8 against and 2 abstention. The proposed amendment did not pass.

3. After further discussion, the amendment proposed by the Committee was passed unanimously.

V. PROVOST'S REPORT
A. Enrollment at the university is 7681 students. Growth was in transfer and graduate students.
B. The Academic Library Forum will be held on September 24. Faculty are encouraged to attend the forums. The search for a new director for the library will start soon.
C. The ground breaking for the Performing Arts Center and the Harte Institute will be in the fall. Additionally, there will be 20,000 square feet in the new classroom building.
D. The University has been named as one of 13 "Institutions of Excellence in the First College Year" for its first-year program and received an award. There will be a site visit on October 30th and 31st. A forum on the First-year Learning Community will be held on October 30th. It will provide an overview of the Core.
E. Monthly Academic Updates will be a continuing event. Any topics for discussion should be forwarded to the Provost's office.

Friday made a motion to extend meeting 15 minutes. Morvant seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

F. Discussion on Reduction in funds and what it means to the university.

VI. SPEAKER’S REPORT/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. The speaker discussed the Focus Session for new faculty on Teaching. The second Focus session Research and Scholarly Activity will be on October 4 and third on Service will be held on November 1.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS
A. None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. The Academic Library Forum will be held in the UC Ballroom C.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
A. Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Landry-Hyde
Secretary/Treasurer

Academic Affairs Committee’s Motion to the Senate
Re Proposed Rule and Procedure on Co-curricular Services to Minors

Whereas, the University needs a current and comprehensive Rule on Co-curricular Services to Minors, and the proposed rule, 11.99.99.C5, Co-curricular Services to Minors has been the subject of much dialogue, be it resolved that the Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Senate approve the proposed rule as written.

Whereas, the University needs current and comprehensive Procedures on Co-curricular Services to Minors, and the proposed procedure 11.99.99.C5.01, Procedures for Co-curricular Services has been the subject of much dialogue, be it resolved that the Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Senate approve the proposed procedure as written.