

Faculty Senate Minutes
OCNR 135
April 26, 2013

Present: Baldwin, Bowden, Chambers, Concannon, Engelhardt, Giraldo, Griffith, Keys, Klaus, Larkin, Miller, Spencer, Tejada-Delgado, Zimmer

Absent: Brown & Wines

Ex-Officio Present: Billeaux, Graham, Markwood, Smart

Guests: John Fernandez, Erika Galinda, Jonathan Payne, Ruben Reyes

- A. Speaker Spencer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was established.
- B. The agenda was reviewed. Larkin moved, Bowden seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.
- C. Minutes of the 3-22-2013 meeting: moved by Miller, seconded by Garrett to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.
- D. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Spencer reported for Louis that the senate elections for the 2013-14 term have been completed. Spencer introduced the newly elected and returning senators.
 2. S. Anderson brought a motion from the Faculty Affairs Committee that the previously approved University Procedure 12.99.99.C2.03 be separated into two separate documents: **Procedure 12.99.99.C2.03 Appointment, Rank, and Promotion of Professional Librarians** and **Procedure 12.99.99.C2.04 Status of Professional Librarians at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**. The motion carried unanimously. See the University Procedures for the complete text.
- E. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Speaker Spencer invited Ruben Reyes to explain the important changes to recover ID passwords after May 25, 2013. Mr. Reyes describes the changes and answered questions.
 2. Spencer presented a change in the description of the Faculty Senate as stated in **Rule 12.04.99.C1 Faculty Senate**. This section of the Rules document was last approved on September 28, 1998.

Chambers moved, Miller seconded that we recommend the following revision:

Rule 12.04.99.C1 Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is an elected body of faculty members and librarians. *With regard to academic programs that earn credit, Faculty Senate is one of several university bodies whose advice in necessary (in accordance with University Rule 03.02.02.C1) in order for that program or change in program to be forwarded to the president for approval. As an advising and recommending body, the Faculty Senate reports to the President or the President's designee. The Faculty Senate is the faculty's body for University-wide participation in the governance of the institution. The Faculty Senate functions in accordance with its constitution and bylaws.* (Text in italics indicates proposed additions to current text.)

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Beltz reported for the Task Force on Minimesters (under the direction of the Budget Analysis Committee) on minimester course offerings. Outcomes for Janmester and future two-to-three week courses between the long semester appear to be positive for students, faculty, and the University. The full report with considerations for faculty participation (including faculty pay) and guidelines for course selection (course fit for the minimester) was distributed.
4. Speaker's Report
 - a) We are waiting for IRB approval of documents to conduct a survey of faculty & staff concerning dependent tuition.
 - b) Another survey of faculty is being planned concerning the effects of this year's pay raise.
 - c) Spencer distributed the documentation of the 2012-13 Faculty Senate accomplishments in table format. She will be writing to the faculty and asked for any feedback. It was requested that she attach this document to the letter to the faculty.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC): Garrett

The committee reviewed proposed changes to the grade appeal process. There were questions about the policy that were returned to Tiffany Hearne for clarification. This policy may be voted upon by the Senate if a May meeting is held.

Garrett brought a recommendation from the AAC in the form of a motion that we approve the following wording for the 2013-14 catalog:

Students whose TAMUCC GPA causes their academic standing to reflect Scholastic Probation (below 2.0 GPA) [please see Academic Policies and Regulations, Section: Scholastic Probation, Suspension, Dismissal] are not allowed to register for courses in the short session/s (August and January). If registration is found for these sessions, the Office of the University Registrar will administratively drop said courses in these short session/s.

The motion carried unanimously.

Garrett brought a recommendation from the AAC in the form of a motion that we approve the following wording for the 2013-14 catalog:

For students seeking a second bachelor's degree:

For students who have already completed a first bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university, with the approval of the Provost's Office, the core curriculum requirements for that degree may be accepted in lieu of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi core curriculum. However, requirements associated with particular degrees, e.g. completion of the modern language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts degree, or legislative requirements, e.g. history and government course requirements, must be included in an approved program for a second bachelor's degree.

The motion carried unanimously.

The committee welcomed Dr. Frank Pezold to describe the doctorate in Geospatial Computing proposed degree and answer questions from the senators.

2. Awards, Bylaws & Elections (ABE): Baldwin reported that the elections were conducted as directed by the bylaws and that elections for new officers would be held in the next Faculty Senate meeting (immediately following this meeting).
3. Budget Analysis: Chambers had no further report.
4. Committee on Committees (COC): Tejeda-Delgado
The survey for committee preferences was sent to the faculty. Faculty will soon be contacted to populate committees as needed by the new chair.
5. Faculty Affairs Committee: S. Anderson had no further report.

G. THANK YOU TO SENATORS whose terms are ending. Certificates of appreciation were presented by Speaker Spencer.

H. PROVOST COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNED at 3:03p

The next meeting (organizational with new and returning senators) will follow this meeting today.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Secretary