

Faculty Senate Minutes  
November 21, 2014, 2:00 pm  
Islander Hall, 323

Present: Araiza, Bowden, Brown, Cammarata, Changchit, Dolan, Flournoy, Giraldo, Griffith, Larkin, Miller, Mollick, Moreno, Ozymy, Spencer, Tejada-Delgado, Thompson, Zeidan

Absent: Anderson, Crane, Kar, Spaniol,

Ex-Officio: Coplin, Markwood

Guests: Cassin, Funk-Baxter

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 2:03 by Speaker Larkin
2. Approval of Agenda: Senator Miller moved to approve, seconded by Senator Bowden. Agenda approved unanimously.
3. Approval of October 17 minutes: Spencer moved to approve, seconded by Senator Tejada-Delgado. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Speaker's Report
  - a. Fall Faculty Forums: Two faculty forums were held on October 20 and 21 to discuss proposed revisions to Faculty Workload policies. Attendance was about two dozen at each forum. Comments were collected and forwarded to Faculty Affairs committee.
  - b. Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting Update
    - i. TAMUS Faculty Senate leaders met with Vice Chancellor Hallmark. There were 9 reps from Senates within the system. Only representatives from TAMU-Kingsville and TAMU-West Texas were not present.
    - ii. Issues discussed:
      1. Community colleges offering Bachelor's degrees
      2. Post tenure review
      3. Common issues around System:
        - a. Faculty Salary comparisons & studies
        - b. Evaluation of administrators
        - c. Workload issues
      4. Members will meet again in spring with Dr. Hallmark at TCFS meeting.
    - c. CPIRA Update:
      - i. CPIRA Executive committee has begun meeting regularly with Dr. Cifuentes to address investigator/administrator concerns
      - ii. Eligibility of post docs as primary investigators
      - iii. How are funds from investigator indirects being spent by research office/campus administration?
    - d. Faculty Senate members, representing all colleges and library, and CPIRA leadership will meet with Chancellor Sharp on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
    - e. Faculty Senate Executive Committee luncheon with President has been rescheduled for early in Spring Semester
    - f. Faculty Senate Budget Report
      - i. See Faculty Senate Website for 2014-15 line-item budget
      - ii. Senator Griffith moved to approve, Senator Bowden seconded the motion. Budget was approved.

5. Deputy Speaker's Report- University Calendar Committee Meeting
  - a. Committee is considering changing times for some graduate classes. Currently "night" classes meet from 4:20 – 6:50 and 7:00 – 9:30. Committee is considering changing these to 5:30 – 8:00 and 8:10 – 10:40. The reason for this is to try to accommodate graduate students who work and cannot arrive by 4:20.
6. New Business
  - a. Guest Speakers:
    - i. Ms. Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration "*An Overview of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Finances for Fiscal Year 2015*"
    - ii. Ms. Funk-Baxter's presentation will be posted to the Faculty Senate website.
7. Committee Reports:
  - a. Academic Affairs Committee
    - i. Definition of plagiarism, University Procedure 13.02.99.C3.01 *Procedure for Academic Misconduct Cases*
      1. Wording change in section 2.1.1, paragraph 3 to "*Intentionally, knowingly, or carelessly presenting the work of another as one's own without proper acknowledgement of the source with the exception of information that is generally accepted as common knowledge*"
    - ii. Wording was changed because of perceived difficulty in **proving** that someone may have **intentionally** or **knowingly** presented the work of another as one's own.
    - iii. Question: Is difficulty foreseen in proving intent?
    - iv. We need to check with system legal regarding intent, or perhaps use of term *carelessly*.
    - v. Senator Dolan moved to recommend the change. Senator Araiza seconded. Motion passed.
  - b. Awards, Bylaws and Elections
    - i. A question was posed whether or not ABE should directly solicit award nominations from faculty or through college level awards committees. A senator offered that if there is such a functioning committee in place then it should be the one to submit the nomination. If there is not a committee in place, it should be sent directly by the faculty member. There is concern regarding consistency in committee function across the colleges.
    - ii. The consensus was reached to invite nominations, including self-nominations, from the entire university community, and not require them to be approved by a college awards committee before they may be considered by ABE.
  - c. Budget Analysis Committee- no report
  - d. Committee on Committees- no report
  - e. Faculty Affairs
    - i. A discussion took place regarding the Faculty workload policies, university rules 12.03.99.C1 *Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Workload* and 12.03.99.C1.01 *Assignment of Faculty Workload Credit*. Since we were short on time, Senator Moreno moved that the Faculty workload rule be referred to committee and

presented again to Faculty Senate at the January meeting. Seconded by Griffith and approved.

- ii. A Senator asked about the status of the Librarian rank and promotion document. Apparently, TAMUS legal has reviewed the document. The Provost will look into it and report back.

At 4:00, Senator Griffith moved to extend the meeting until 4:30. Senator Spencer seconded, and the motion was passed.

8. Provost's comments

- a. Board of Regents meeting. Topics included proposals regarding the rate of tuition increase, which barely passed, at a rate (1.95%) which was less than the requested 2.2% to keep up with inflation; and the System study on space that will be done for us. Chancellor Sharp presented an agenda focused on growth and how we need space.
    - i. Question from Senator: How will the Price Waterhouse survey results be distributed? Will there be recommendations?
    - ii. Answer: It will be posted online, and will be public information. We don't know if there will be recommendations.
9. For the good of the order: nothing to add
10. Adjourned at 4:30