

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: February 4, 2014
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Lopez, Huber (Wascovich), Choi, Starnes, Arslan, Nippani, Holt, Kuracina, Anderson D, Anderson S, Lamarque, Yan, Ballotti, Ou, Kelly, King, Smithers, Bertulani, Pierce (Schroeder), Wiecko, Openshaw (President), Hammack & Dang (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve December minutes as written.	Moved by Sean Anderson. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>President Dan Jones</p> <p>Provost Adolfo Benavides</p> <p>Dr. Edward Romero, Chief Diversity Officer</p>	<p>Dr. Jones announced the SACS Reaffirmation Onsite Visit 3-5 March, the launching of the Affordable Baccalaureate degree, and the guaranteed fixed four-year tuition rate mandatory for all new students. He reviewed 12th day enrollment statistics, announced spring start dates for the new Deans of the Colleges of Business and Education, and reviewed a memo on Strategic Enrollment Management.</p> <p>Dr. Benavides spoke about two new proposals for an equine science degree and M.S. in Computational Science, and explained the dissolution of two academic marketing partnerships. At the May Regents meeting, we are requesting the creation of a School of Nursing & Health Science and a School of Agriculture. We are looking into a new lease to replace the UCD contract. He announced a new Provost Internship available as part of a secession planning effort.</p> <p>Dr. Romero reviewed the university strategic diversity plan which is part of QEP. He is available for one hour campus department presentations about this plan.</p>	

<p>Committee Memberships:</p>	<p>Academic Life: A motion was made for full tuition benefits for all TAMUC spouses and children.</p> <p>Academic Practices: Senator Lamarque is attempting to schedule a meeting concerning building access.</p> <p>Curriculum: A motion was made to accept the Program Approval Process, which includes Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee approval.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the proposed revisions of the Grade Appeal Procedures.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: Senator Jose Lopez is the new committee chair and he thanked Senator David Anderson for a smooth transition. A request was made for all award nominee ballots to be sent to him as quickly as possible. President Openshaw charged this committee with the development of criteria for all the Faculty Senate Recognition Awards.</p> <p>Organization of the Senate: Senator Sean Anderson's committee continues its revisions on the faculty handbook.</p>	<p>Moved by Sri Nippani. Seconded. Motion passed</p> <p>Moved by Vaughn Wascovich. Seconded. Motion passed</p> <p>Moved by Chad King. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>Faculty Senate President Dr. Linda Openshaw</p> <p>New Business:</p>	<p>Gay & Lesbian student rights group requested an affirmation of their policy of non-discrimination, which was approved by e-mail vote after the December Senate meeting.</p> <p>Senator King requested access to the recently approved faculty workload policy.</p>	