

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: February 6, 2007
 Time: 2:03 p.m.
 Location: MSC Board Room
 Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Fullwood, Huber, Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Wickersham, Vinaja, von Duvillard, Smith, Lancaster (Rankin), Seminet, Odom, Dorsett, Witwer, Davis (West), Lenchner, Openshaw, Singh, (President), Hammack (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	December 5, 2006 minutes as distributed.	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
Guest Speakers: Dr. Bob Collins & Dr. Randy McBroom	Drs. McBroom & Collins outlined the work of the 2007 Strategic Planning Committee. Information regarding committee membership, organization of subcommittees, planning schedule, and guiding statements were distributed. These materials will be made available on the Strategic Planning Committee web site. The Co-Chairs reported the initial draft planning document is finished and will be available online. A series of open hearings are scheduled beginning with a campus session on 5 March. A distance education forum will be held before spring break and another session will be held at the metroplex.	
Communications from Senate President Singh	President Singh announced the visitation of Texas A&M Chancellor, Dr. Michael D. McKinney, to our campus February 21, 2007. The Chancellor may meet with the Executive Committee of the senate. If you have questions for the Chancellor please email them to Dr. Singh. Faculty Senate has been asked to consider changing the timing of the nominations for the Regents' Award. It is being considered by the Award Committee of the Senate that the nominations would occur on an annual basis rather than every three years.	Assigned to Faculty Awards Committee.

	<p>A change has been proposed to the university tenure policy. A faculty member can request one additional year towards tenure because of extenuating circumstances. This request for an additional year to meet university tenure requirements was amended in the senate to include the approval of a faculty member's College Tenure and Promotion Committee.</p> <p>The Provost is concerned about two issues: 1. faculty members' submission of grades within the time frame set by the university and 2. the high number of students who made 0.0 gpa Fall, 2006.</p>	<p>Moved by Philippe Seminet. Seconded. Motion passed</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Academic Life: This committee presented draft revisions made to the Annual Evaluation of Faculty Procedures: 12.01.99.R0.02. The suggested changes are highlighted in red in the document. The document is posted on the faculty senate web site. Draft procedures concerning attendance at university commencements are also posted on the faculty senate web site. Send suggestions and changes to Dr. Singh or Dr. Abbassi</p> <p>Academic Practices: Senator Openshaw's handed out responses to the Academic Disciplinary Problems Survey. The survey respondents indicated they have experienced discipline problems in their classrooms. The survey will be distributed again via the university listserv in order to secure greater participation.</p> <p>University Facilities & Scheduling: Senator Ballotti's committee received a limited return on the Fringe Benefits Survey recently sent to faculty members. Faculty members are encouraged to respond to the survey items and to include any additional fringe benefit ideas.</p>	<p>Draft revisions to be voted on at the March meeting.</p>

