

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: March 2, 2010  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Wascovich, Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Alexander, Dang, Mahan, Seminet, Odom, Faulkenberry (Dorsett) , Druhan, Newton (Bertulani), Herndon, Pierce, Sun, Smith (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	February 2010 minutes were approved.	Accepted by acclamation.
Guest Speaker:  President Dan Jones	<p>President Jones discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletic fee: (See fact sheet provided by President Jones).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A total of 1.8 million dollars will be generated from the new athletic fee that will help the entire university.</li> <li>b. \$800,000.00 will be available to the Student Services committee.</li> <li>c. \$300,000.00 will be used for capital improvement.</li> <li>d. The goal is to make the athletic program more competitive. The visitor seating in the stadium will help university host UIL events that will help cover the cost.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Faculty can view the February 15 Texas budget request online. President Jones handed out an Item Reduction Sheet with the top five items that may be cut in order #1 being the university would give up first through #5 what would be given up last.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There is a joint resolution for a 3.95% designated tuition increase. This is \$3.71 per semester hour for students. We won't know if this is approved until the May board meeting.</li> <li>b. New positions are funded through reallocation of funds.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<p>Guest Speaker: Carlton Cooper, Athletic Director</p>	<p>Mr. Cooper discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our athletic scholarships are not fully funded and our competitor's scholarships are fully funded.</li> <li>2. There is controversy over the actions of football players who took copies of the East Texan newspaper, and Coach Morriss' response in the police report. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There will be consequences for Coach Morriss and all the football players.</li> <li>b. The university police department will determine who gets legal consequences.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<p>Communication Senate President-elect LaVelle Hendricks</p>	<p>President-elect Hendricks reported the following from the Texas Council of Faculty Senates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In response to the Senate's question at the last meeting, other faculty senates around the state have top administrators attend their meeting.</li> <li>2. Other universities are using department driven evaluations of faculty that are specialized within each department rather than one evaluation form per college.</li> <li>3. There is a bill proposed to make on-line student evaluations exempt from the open records law.</li> <li>4. HB2504 strips faculty of power and control. A statewide template for syllabus on-line is being worked on.</li> </ol>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p><b>Budget Committee</b> meets tomorrow and will discuss reallocation decision. Priorities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. library</li> <li>2. how merit considerations will be distributed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 time merit award of \$1,000.00-2,000.00</li> <li>b) Or a one time bonus of \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p><b>Curriculum Committee</b> finished evaluating course changes. Senator Mahan will bring a summary of the changes to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Facilities Committee:</b> Senator Ballotti reported he is working on obtaining maps for all of the ramps and special entrances to campus buildings.</p> <p>Senator Ballotti reported that the course he was hoping to change from Humanities to Social Sciences will be left as it is.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Senator Harp reported that David Crenshaw will be returning home from the hospital under Hospice Care.</p> <p>The following motion was proposed by Senator Openshaw and seconded by Senator Wascovich. The Faculty Senate does not condone the statement made by Coach Morriss that was reported in the East Texan.</p> <p>Senator Wascovich made a motion to hold a special meeting next Tuesday, March 9 and invite Coach Morriss if he is available to attend. The motion was seconded by Senator Herndon. Senator Hendricks will ask Linda King to send all senators a copy of the police report regarding the football team and Coach Morris.</p> <p>Senator Seminet reminded senators to attend meetings with candidates for VP of Equal Opportunity and Diversity  3/3 10:30a.m. BA 218 Cheryl Harris  3/4 12:30p.m. BA290 David Camacho</p>	<p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>