

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: April 3, 2007
 Time: 2:01 p.m.
 Location: MSC Board Room
 Adjournment: 3:55 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Fullwood, Crenshaw, Huber, Miskevich, Jang, Ballotti, Creider, Abbassi, Wickersham, Vinaja, von Duvillard, Smith, Rankin, Seminet, Odom, West, Lenchner, Schroeder-Steward, Openshaw, Singh, (President), Hammack (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	March 6, 2007 minutes approved as distributed.	Moved by Linda Openshaw. Seconded. Motion passed.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Hendrix	<p>Dr. Hendrix announced the opening of the new university faculty lounge in Binnion Hall. It will be ready on April 18, 2007. Dr. Singh submitted the Senate faculty lounge “wish list” to the Provost for the renovation of this facility.</p> <p>Provost Frank Ashley will be leaving for his new position with the A&M system as the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs. He will be with us until the end of spring semester.</p>	
Communications from Senate President Singh	<p>President Singh distributed a list of potential members for the new Faculty Lounge committee. This committee will consist of two people appointed from each college. Dr. Amir Abbassi will chair the committee.</p> <p>The procedures for Commencement Attendance approved at our last meeting have been forwarded to the Dean’s Council by President McFarland.</p> <p>President McFarland will meet with the senate next month to discuss the appointment of an Interim Provost and the formation of a committee to conduct a national search for a new Provost.</p>	

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Academic Life: The senate voted on the Faculty Awards System 12.99.99.RO.03 for the Regents Professor Service Award. An individual will be nominated every year rather than every three years. The procedures were approved as amended.</p> <p>Dr. Jang proposed additional changes to the Faculty Promotion Policy 12.01.99.RO.03 in addition to the suggested changes that are highlighted in red in the document. The senate approved the proposed changes as amended. All proposed changes are posted on the Faculty Senate web site.</p> <p>Academic Practices: Senator Openshaw asked again for help with the classroom disruption survey. The survey was sent via email today.</p> <p>Curriculum: Senator Crenshaw's committee continues to process the large number of curriculum changes that have been submitted this year.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: Senator West announced the annual Faculty Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday April 17, 2007. This event will be held at the MSC in the American Ballroom.</p> <p>University Facilities & Scheduling: Senator Ballotti submitted the findings of the fringe benefits survey. Ninety surveys were returned and the following three items received the highest number of votes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced rates for the fitness center 2. Tuition break for spouse and children 3. Faculty parking <p>The senate approved the fringe benefits report as amended to include university support staff as employees eligible for these benefits.</p>	<p>Moved by Keith West. Seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Moved by Serge vonDuvillard. Seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Moved by David Rankin. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>Dr. Singh presented the changes to the procedures for Annual Evaluation of Faculty 12.01.99.RO.02. The suggested changes to the procedures are highlighted in red and posted on the Faculty Senate web site. The proposed changes to the Annual Evaluation of Faculty were approved.</p>	<p>Moved by Serge vonDuvillard. Seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>The results of the election of officers for next year are as follows:</p> <p>President Elect: Serge von Duvillard Secretary: Barbara Hammack Parliamentarian: Leah Wickersham</p>	