

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: April 3, 2012  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Creider, Fish, Alexander, Dang, Kuracina, Anderson, S., Fernandez-Lamarque, Odom, Ballotti, Faulkenberry, Bertulani, Pierce, Wieko, Hendricks, (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve March Minutes.	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p><b>Guest Speakers:</b></p> <p>Dr. Sandy Weeks, Assistant Provost</p>	<p>Dr. Weeks reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. She wants to keep the Faculty Senate informed about SACS.</li> <li>2. SACS now requires each institution to have their own stand-alone procedures. Visit the SACS website.</li> <li>3. Any self-supporting off-campus program, or online program needs approval.</li> <li>4. SACS identifies lines of responsibilities and those must be followed. Department heads should follow the correct procedures.</li> <li>5. Certificates fall within the criteria of substantive change.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <p>President Hendricks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monday April 9 at 11:30 a.m. will be the Faculty Awards luncheon.</li> <li>2. May 2-3 Chancellor Sharp invited some members of Faculty Senates throughout the system to attend a dinner and a breakfast. LaVelle Hendricks, President, Derald Harp, President-elect, Barbara Hammack and Linda Openshaw co-secretaries, and Quynh Dang, Chair of Academic Practices will represent our campus.</li> </ol>	

<p>Communications from President Hendricks (continued)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. President Jones wants a question and answer meeting with the Senate. The meeting will be scheduled because President Jones is not available to attend the Senate's May meeting.</li> <li>4. Thanks to Quynh Dang for her work on the new core curriculum with Ricky Dobbs.</li> <li>5. Thanks to Eileen Faulkenberry for her work on the Women's Center.</li> <li>6. Faculty representatives on the Budget Council recommended money be set aside for merit increases.</li> <li>7. Mary Hendrix is working on safe travel from Whitley Hall which includes buses for student travel around campus.</li> <li>8. Next Senate meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 2:00 p.m.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Practices reported that the new 42 hour curriculum loses 2 PE credits, but they will stay as graduation requirements.</li> <li>2. Budget Committee work is done for the semester.</li> <li>3. Curriculum Committee is still working on some changes.</li> <li>4. Awards Committee reported that the following award recipients:  Barrus-Dr. Stephen Starnes  Lafferty-Dr. Srinivas "Sri" Nippani  Humfeld-Dr. Casey Graham Brown  The other Senate Awards will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.</li> <li>5. Facilities chair, Senator Ballotti, questioned why the Special Olympics were moved from our campus? Also, the work on Whitley Hall is getting done.</li> </ol>	

<b>New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Senator Anderson from the library reported that there is a library survey that will be available for faculty to take. The results will be used to improve library services. An incentive to take the survey is the chance to win a new iPad. Libqual+service will provide the survey. It will take 10 minutes to complete.</li><li>2. New e-mail address is being used on campus. Current addresses can be used until September. The new addresses are: First name.Last <a href="mailto:firstname.lastname@tamuc.edu">name@tamuc.edu</a></li><li>3. Senate elections. New officers are: President-elect: Linda Openshaw(2012-2014) Co-secretary: Quynh Dang and Barbara Hammack</li><li>4. The time period for online course evaluations extended three days past the time when grades were available to students. This is being changed.</li></ol>	
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