

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: April 6, 2010  
 Time: 2:05 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Wascovich, Miskevich, Jang (Starnes), Ballotti, Espinoza, Alexander, Dang, Mahan, Seminet, Odom, Faulkenberry (Dorsett), Druhan, Bertulani, Herndon, Hendricks (President-elect for Smith), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	March 2010 minutes were approved.	Accepted by acclamation.
Guest Speaker:  Judy Sackfield, Associate Athletic Director   Communication  President-elect LaVelle Hendricks representing President John Smith	Ms. Sackfield's job is to change the academic performance of student athletes and hold them accountable. This goal is being reached through a new program management system (SAMS). The \$10,000.00 program was given as an in-kind gift. There are currently 300 student athletes who are using the program. It helps monitor tutoring, mentoring, and advising.  1. President-elect Hendricks presented senators with a copy of the Investigation of East Texan Thefts Committee Report. Carlton Cooper, Athletic Director, helped clarify actions taken by the university: 1) Athletics Dept will find a way to assure that that \$1200.00 cost of the papers will be reimbursed. The paper will be reproduced and put back in the bins. 2) Disciplinary action will be taken by the university against the three football players involved in the theft. 3) The athletics dept. is working with the East Texan to give reporters access to interview coaches and players.	

	<p>2. The Review of Governance Processes document was given to Senators by LaVelle Hendricks. President John Smith will clarify points. The report does not include information about a common course and or a common syllabus. There are also potential problems with on-line and face to face classes that have the same name.</p> <p>3. There was a discussion regarding the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the process of revising the tenure and promotion procedures.</p> <p>4. Senators expressed a desire to receive more communication with administration and regarding how they address the Senate's concerns.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Awards Committee - President-elect Hendricks requested the Provost to recognize service provided to Senate by John Smith, Dan Creider, Barbara Hammack, and Linda Openshaw at the Faculty Awards luncheon on April 13.</p> <p>Budget Committee - Senators Seminet and Odom said the committee will meet April 7<sup>th</sup>.. Merit pay is being discussed again. The Governor's Office suggested that universities prepare for a 5% cut this year and next. Cuts will depend on enrollment trends.</p> <p>Curriculum Committee—Senator Mahan gave Senators a copy the Curriculum Committee report. Changes are available on-line.</p>	<p>Moved by Linda Openshaw. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
New Business	<p>1. Senator Ballotti made a motion to accept proposed the following addition to section 5(a) of the Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook of Texas A&amp;M University-Commerce.</p>	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

	<p>The motion is as follows:</p> <p>“The University regards the following as an illustration of misconduct by individuals or groups which may result in review by the appropriate disciplinary agencies: taking 20 or more copies of a free or complimentary publication on the campus of Texas A&amp;M University-Commerce with the intent to do one or more of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Prevent the dissemination of information contained in the publication.</li><li>2) Deprive others of the opportunity to read or enjoy the publication.</li><li>3) Sell or barter the publication.</li><li>4) Recycle the copies of the publication for cash or other payment.</li><li>5) Harm a business or competitor.</li></ol> <p>Further, any attempt to intentionally damage, destroy or tamper with issues of the publication or fixtures containing that publication will also be considered in violation of this rule.</p> <p>Those found in violation of the above rule will be subject to the disciplinary action clause of section 5(b) of the Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbooks of Texas A&amp;M University-Commerce, in addition to any applicable criminal or civil charges, to be filed at the discretion of a representative of the publication.</p> <p>2.Elections: New officers are as follows: President-elect-Dr. Philippe Seminet Parliamentarian-Dr. Dan Creider Co-Secretary-Drs. Linda Openshaw &amp; Barbara Hammack.</p>	
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