Meeting: Faculty Senate Date: April 7, 2009 Time: 2:00 p.m. Location: Binnion 126 Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Wascovich, Miskevich, Starnes, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Vinaja, Dang, Smith, Mahan, Seminet, Odom, Dorsett, Herndon, Pierce (Schroeder), Sun, Singh (President), Hammack, & Openshaw (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to	March 3, 2009 minutes approved with	Accepted by acclamation.
Approve Minutes	corrections.	
Communications Committee Reports	Dr. Singh met with President Jones and Dr. Hendrix and discussed the following: 1. Formal procedures identifying the awarding of the scholarship process needs clarification. 3. Dr. Jones welcomes ideas from faculty regarding scholarship procedures. 3. It was stated by senators that the new scholarship procedure seems to violate trustees' understanding in certain endowments. Dr. Singh asked the Academic Practices Committee to study this issue and report its findings to the senate 4. The candidate for the Dean of Arts and Sciences has accepted the position. 5. Provost Search Committee is meeting with President Jones on April 14 to give feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate for the Provost's position. Academic Life 1. The new procedure for Tenure/Promotion/Post-Tenure Review has been circulated among all faculty at A&M-Commerce for suggestions. 2. The faculty senate is expected to make its recommendation on the new procedure in May 09. A special meeting is called for April 21 at 2:00p.m. to further discuss the new	
	procedure.	

	Academic Practices Linda Openshaw distributed the Committee report from the faculty survey regarding summer school. Dr. Singh asked her to submit a written report to him. The results of the survey show that faculty members do want to teach summer school for the extra pay and for continuity in programs. Faculty members need a clearer understanding of the way summer salaries are determined. Faculty members would like to teach as many classes as possible during the summer.	
	Budget Review Committee meets on April 8. The point was stressed that faculty would rather save their program and employees if necessary even through a salary freeze.	
	Awards Committee Awards luncheon is April 14 at 11:30a.m. The motion was made to accept the nominees for the Regents' Professorship, Paul Barrus, Lafferty, and Humfeld awards. The vote was unanimous.	
New Business	Elections: President-elect: LaVelle Hendricks Secretary: Barbara Hammack and Linda Openshaw will continue to share the secretarial functions. Parliamentarian: Tim Wilson	