

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: May 4, 2010
 Time: 2:04 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:28 p.m.

Minutes

Members present, Angel (Starnes) Dempsey (Ballotti), Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Alexander, Dang, Horton, Mahan, Seminet, Odom, Faulkenberry (Dorsett), Herndon, Pierce, Sun, Smith (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	April, 2010 minutes were approved as amended.	Moved by LaVelle Hendricks. Seconded. Motion passed.
Communication Senate President Dr. John Smith	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lab coordinators will be eliminated to save money according to Provost Lemanski. 2. Faculty Evaluation forms are currently being used by some Deans. They will be used to evaluate all faculty by next year. 3. There was some concern that the Faculty Senate Awards were given to Senate members this year. The Awards Committee consists mostly of non-Senate members. The Senate wants the awards to stay under the Senate's jurisdiction. 4. All faculty will be required to have their CV and course syllabi on line by fall 2010. Some departments will have this in place by Summer II. 5. President Jones reported that the university is working with the city of Commerce to make repairs on Lee Street. 6. Department web-pages will be updated in order for the university to have consistency. 	

	<p>7. If faculty members are contacted by the media or the student newspaper they should notify Randy Jolly’s office –especially regarding controversial issues.</p> <p>8. Randy Jolly’s office wants to use part of the faculty lounge for the campus photographer. Senator Openshaw made a motion to keep the faculty lounge as it currently is and not give up the space for other activities.</p>	<p>Moved by Linda Openshaw. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Budget Committee: Senators Hendricks, Odom, and Seminet reported that the President’s Budget Advisory Council recommended a merit raise for faculty, but we will have to wait to see what the A&M System decides with respect to tuition increases and merit raises. The Council also recommended scrapping course fees in favor of program fees. Departments will make requests for those fees directly to their respective deans.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>Questions remain about Coach Morris and the football team: Has the \$1200 been raised, and when will the stolen newspaper be reissued? Were the 3 students in fact disciplined? Why didn’t the Coach appear before the Senate as requested?</p> <p>A motion was made to express dissatisfaction with the manner in which the University handled the newspaper affair.</p> <p>Senator Smith volunteered to prepare a written statement for approval at our June meeting.</p>	<p>Moved by Randy Odom. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. President-elect Hendricks reported on the annual Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Luncheon honoring the brightest/gifted African Americans and other minorities from Dallas ISD. This year, as in years past, several of the honorees from DISD chose to attend A&M-Commerce, which is wonderful for the University given that many honorees attend places like Cornell, University of Texas-Austin, NYU, and other research universities. President Jones is to be commended for his leadership in reaching out to The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and Dallas ISD to promote A&M-Commerce as a great place to get an education.2. Various senators reported a favorable impression from faculty regarding Provost Lemanski's visits with each department. It is encouraging to have the provost seek input from faculty and to offer assistance regarding faculty concerns.3. May graduates were unanimously approved.4. Thanks to President John Smith for his outstanding leadership.	
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