

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: September 1, 2009
 Time: 2:08 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Mahan, Odom, Dorsett, Druhan, Herndon, Pierce, Smith (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	July 28, 2009 were approved with corrections.	Accepted by acclamation.
<p>Guest Speaker: Dr. Randy McBroom, Institutional Effectiveness</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dean Alan Headley, Graduate Studies & Research</p>	<p>Randy McBroom discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The time frame for 3rd year annual evaluation of faculty is moved to January 15. The official decision will be announced by the administration within 3 days. 2) Annual faculty evaluation procedures are under review. 3) An ad hoc committee is being established to revise the faculty handbooks. The revisions are will be in effect by the end of fall semester. <p>Dean Headley discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Graduate services are divided by college: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Sims-COEHS Vicki Turner-Business Maggie Thomas-Arts & Science 2) The Graduate Council is made up of representatives from each college. Any concerns regarding graduate programs should be discussed with the graduate school representative from each college. 3) It is possible to become a member of the A&M System graduate faculty. There is a link on the graduate school web-site that includes the application. 4) The graduate school has funds to help with innovative ideas for recruiting 5) There is approximately \$12,000.00 available to fund travel for graduate students to present their work at conferences. 	

<p>Communication: Senate President John Smith</p>	<p>6) Dr. Deborah Porter is the contact person for grants. There is a link on the graduate school web-site for research. Allow for routing time when submitting a grant proposal.</p> <p>7) The graduate school is sponsoring workshops. There is one scheduled for November 5 on plagiarism with a representative from the National Science Foundation.</p> <p>8) There is internal funding to help support faculty research. The Research and Creative Activities Committee will review proposals. There are mini grants, research enhancement grants, interdisciplinary research incentive grants, junior faculty research awards, and summer GA awards available.</p> <p>1. There are no communications to report at the current time. Let President Smith know of concerns so they can be discussed in meetings with President Jones.</p> <p>2. Faculty raised concerns about the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deans made decisions about merit pay without consulting faculty and some department heads b. How will summer school be funded? c. What has been changed in the tenure and promotion guidelines since it left the Faculty Senate? d. Are we going to be able to fill faculty lines and hire new faculty to compensate for the growth in some departments? e. We need faculty representation on the budget council <p>3. Jennifer Frost is the new Senate GA. She can be reached at JFrost5@leo.tamu-commerce.edu</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>No committee reports. Committee vacancies are currently being filled.</p>	