

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: September 4, 2007
 Time: 2:20 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Huber, Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Wickersham, Vinaja, Kowalski (Smith), Rankin, Dorsett, West, Herndon, Schroeder, Openshaw, Singh, von Duvillard (President Elect), Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	June 26, 2007 approved as corrected.	Moved by Randy Odom. Seconded. Motion passed.
Senate Communications	<p>Dr. Singh summarized the July 2007 meeting of the A&M System Faculty Council with Chancellor McKinney at College Station.</p> <p>Presidential searches:</p> <p>Six TAMU system university presidents' positions are likely to occur this year. Including one at TAMU-College Station.</p> <p>Ideally, the Chancellor would like the Faculty Senate President to chair the University Presidential Search committee at each institution.</p> <p>Chancellor McKinney believes candidates for each position of university president should be invited or nominated for consideration.</p> <p>Tenure track positions:</p> <p>Chancellor McKinney favors separate levels or tracks for faculty positions. He supports tenure granted only to those faculty members who engage in research and scholarly activities. Non-tenure track positions should be available to those individuals who only want to teach.</p>	

	<p>President-Elect vonDuvillard polled senators for faculty concerns. The following topics were discussed:</p> <p>Teaching load reduction for those seeking tenure and promotion and release time for grants as well as grant writing activities.</p> <p>Status of proposed Monday/Thursday – Tuesday/Friday university course scheduling has been referred to committee for further study.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Faculty Senate Committee Chairs 2007-2008</p> <p>Academic Life: John Smith Academic Practices: Linda Openshaw Admission and Retention: Stephen Starnes Budget: Randy Odom Curriculum: Jennifer Schroeder Faculty Awards: vonDuvillard & West Faculty Lounge: Frank Miskevich Organization of the Senate: David Rankin University Facilities: John Ballotti</p>	
New Business	<p>Inquiries were made regarding the university book store ordering policy. An issue was raised regarding the policy of ordering the current edition of a textbook rather than the edition requested by the instructor. A second concern focused on ordering insufficient numbers of textbooks rather than honoring instructor requests.</p>	