

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: October 2, 2012  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Nippani, Faulkenberry, Naizer (Hammack), Alexander, Druhan, Choi, Starnes, Heslop, Lamarque, Wieko, Anderson S., Ballotti, King, Kuracina, Pierce, Anderson D., Harp, (President), Openshaw (Acting Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve September Minutes.	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
Guest Speakers:  Edward W. Romero, Assoc. VP for Equal Opportunity and Diversity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Romero's office dealt with over 51 faculty issues this past year.</li> <li>2. He proposed a new position which would be a Faculty Ombudsman.</li> <li>3. This new staff member would preside over faculty issues using Strengths Quest as the model to resolve issues.</li> <li>4. The goal is to have the new person be able to meet with faculty and resolve issues.</li> </ol>	
Joe Daun, Art Department Head	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Daun gave the report from the Task Force on Faculty Work Load.</li> <li>2. Mr. Daun recommended a new procedure to create equity for labs, music lessons, master's thesis, and doctoral dissertations (718 courses).</li> <li>3. The recommendation is that faculty can teach 24 semester hours per year (not including summer school). Faculty can teach up to 15 hours in 1 semester and then drop to 9 hours the next semester.</li> </ol>	

	<p>4. Dr. Harp appointed an ad hoc committee to have a quick timeline for action so they can get these recommendations approved before spring semester. The committee members are: Senators Lamarque, Pierce, Starnes, and Odom representing the four colleges.</p>	
<p>Communications from President Derald Harp</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SACS Update: October 18 group meeting. Five sections in 1<sup>st</sup> draft stage completed.</li> <li>2. Update from Dr. Peer includes four new searches for Dean of College of Business, Provost, Athletic Director, and Assistant Vice President/ Dean for Campus Life &amp; Student Development.</li> <li>3. If Senators are asked to be on these search committees, please serve.</li> <li>4. President's reception for Senior Faculty is October 15 and Junior Faculty is October 23.</li> </ol>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organization of the Senate Sean Anderson, Committee Chair, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Proposed an amendment to TAMUC Procedure 12.04.99.R0.01 Section 6, Item A. for a course load reduction of one course for fall and spring semester for Faculty Senate President, and an adjunct faculty position funded by the Provost's office to cover the Senate President's classes.</li> <li>b. The Constitution needs to be revised to correct errors.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Admission &amp; Retention of Students will review student evaluations and find out the percentage of completed surveys from students.</li> </ol>	<p>Moved by Sri Nippani. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Facilities: John Ballotti, Committee Chair reported that he met with Julie McElhany and wrote a proposal for dealing with ad-interims and course syllabus. Each department should have a master course syllabus that can be given to ad interim's and new hires.</li> <li>4. There needs to be an effective way for new faculty to access an online course and get into eCollege.</li> </ol>	
Unfinished Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Faculty Handbook revisions must be approved.</li> <li>2. President Jones was glad about the Senate veto of Moodle.</li> </ol>	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Derald Harp and LaVelle Hendricks will be at the Texas Council of Faculty Senates October 25-27. They need roughly \$700.00 for travel.</li> <li>2. Senator Sean Anderson presented a statement asking for a vote of no confidence for Anwar Karim &amp; IT as currently constituted with respect to library support and other issues given with specific examples in Senator Sean Anderson's report.</li> <li>3. No Senate awards will be given this fall. They will all be awarded in spring.</li> <li>4. Next meeting November 6, 2012.</li> </ol>	<p>Moved by Eileen Faulkenberry. Seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Moved by Sean Anderson. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>