

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: December 3, 2013  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 3:05 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Lopez, Huber, Choi, Starnes, Arslan, Nippani, Holt, Kuracina, Anderson D, Anderson S, Lamarque, Yan, Ballotti, Ou, Kelly, King, Pierce, Smithers, Wiecko, Openshaw (President), Hammack & Dang (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<b>Motion to Approve Minutes</b>	Motion to approve November minutes as written.	Moved by Sean Anderson. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p data-bbox="235 720 472 856"><b>Guest Speakers:</b>  Alicia Currin, Chief of Staff</p> <p data-bbox="235 1010 472 1077"><b>Committee Memberships:</b></p>	<p data-bbox="496 720 1042 930">Ms. Currin reviewed the TAMU-C strategic plan. Currently her committee is revising our current Mission statement and she asked senate to send suggestions that would improve the university's mission statement.</p> <p data-bbox="496 972 1042 1150"><b>Academic Life:</b> To date, 165 responded to the survey sent to faculty about tuition breaks for spouses and dependents. The overwhelming majority are in favor of these benefits.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1161 1042 1402"><b>Curriculum:</b> A concern was raised about program approval based on the new approval flowchart. All departments and Colleges need a Curriculum Committee. Program Review committee needs a faculty representative. If interested, please contact Dr. Linda Openshaw.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1413 1042 1507"><b>Faculty Awards:</b> This committee met about the Piper Award and sent a nomination to the Provost.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1518 1042 1623"><b>Organization of the Senate:</b> Revised Faculty Senate Constitution was accepted by the Dean's Council.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1633 1042 1869"><b>University Facilities &amp; Scheduling:</b> Senator Ballotti introduced the Coordinator for his department, Sheri Humphries, who spoke about need for support staff communication (i.e. immediate access to locked classroom for substitute instructors)</p>	

<p><b>Old Business:</b></p>	<p>An offer was made for the Dean of the College of Business &amp; Entrepreneurship. The recommendation for College of Education &amp; Human Services Dean is due this week.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b>  Faculty Senate President Linda Openshaw</p>	<p><b>Gay &amp; Lesbian</b> student right group has requested an affirmation of their policy of non-discrimination. The Pride Alliance handout was distributed.  <b>SACS</b> Preliminary Report of the Reaffirmation Committee findings was distributed. Sixteen areas of concern were reported in the handout.  <b>Inclement weather</b> handout was distributed to senate.  <b>Enrollment Report</b> (through November) for Spring, 2014 is down according to Dr. Hendrix's handout.  <b>December</b> graduates that meet the requirements for their respective degrees were approved by Faculty Senate.</p>	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed</p>