

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: February 3, 2015
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Huber, Slovak, Arslan, Nippani, Kemp-Graham (Ballenger), Dang, Davis, Anderson, Yan, Taneja, Ballotti, Ou, Williams, King, Pierce, Wiecko, Starnes (President), Hammack (Secretary), Openshaw (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve December Minutes.	Moved by Sri Nippani. Seconded. Motion passed.
Guest Speakers: President Dan Jones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Jones reviewed talking points for the Texas Legislature: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Exceptional item—Institutional competency based education. b. Capital improvements-Nursing building & Library with nursing as highest priority. c. Our team will be in Austin second week of February. d. System wide-asking for higher percentage of formula funding & full funding for Hazelwood exemption. e. University message-keep institutional affiliation separate from politics. 2. Price Waterhouse Cooper review is being implemented in College Station. \$800,000.00 in inefficiencies can be re-directed toward main objectives. 3. There will be a 1% budget reallocation beginning this spring. 4. Budget Review & Development Council (BRDC): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Charge-look at overall financial profile of university formula funding for different levels and how can we make programs more appealing? 	

	<p>How can we use resources for innovations and programs?</p> <p>b. Strategic initiatives must relate back to core mission of teaching, research and service.</p> <p>5. BRDC did not suggest tuition increases since it was determined at the system level.</p>	
<p>Dina Sosa, Dean Enrollment Management & Retention</p> <p>Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Dean University College, and Dr. Martha Foote, Department Head Curriculum & Instruction</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faculty Compensation Model Proposal: Purpose is to get students to graduate through degree acceleration, and data driven scheduling - which means we need additional housing for summer school students. 2. Goal is to attract students and retain current students. 3. Attracting faculty to teach summer classes. Need long-term planning and high quality faculty. Faculty compensation model begins at department level. 4. May Mini will be part of overall summer teaching load again. 5. Plan will go into effect this summer. 6. Send any recommendations to Dina immediately. 	
<p>Communications: President Starnes</p>	<p>President Starnes and Sean Anderson, President-elect will travel to Austin at the end of February to attend the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Awards Committee: Committee has received nominations and nominees are submitting portfolios which are due Friday, February 6. Awards Banquet is in April.</p> <p>Budget: BRDC met last week for first time. Dr. Starnes will report back on this meeting.</p> <p>Curriculum: Over 500 changes have been approved in the last two weeks.</p> <p>University Facilities: Need a volunteer to chair University Facilities committee.</p>	

New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A request was made for TAMUC e-mail and library access privileges as a benefit to retiring/retired faculty members. President Starnes will look into these requests.2. Each college dean is working on approval for course equivalency for student advising service.3. Faculty parking spaces need to be increased by the Rayburn Center.4. The Center for Faculty Teaching and Innovation should provide a master syllabus with all University mandatory requirements	
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