

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: March 6, 2012  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Choi, Starnes, Fish, Alexander, Dang, Kuracina, Anderson, D., Anderson, S., Odom, Ballotti, Faulkenberry, King, Wiecko, Hendricks, (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<b>Motion to Approve Minutes</b>	Motion to approve February Minutes with corrections.	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>  <b>Rebecca Tuerk, Director of Disabilities Services</b>	<p>Ms. Tuerk reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students must present a letter from the Disabilities Services that explains the accommodations that must be carried out.</li> <li>2. Usually students need extended time on tests.</li> <li>3. eCollege must be accessible to anyone with a disability anytime.</li> <li>4. Videos and movies must have captions.</li> <li>5. Live components need to be coordinated with a live-cart caption provider.</li> <li>6. Any time faculty adds new course content to existing classes, be sure that it has transcripts and captions.</li> <li>7. Senators should make suggestions of ways to help faculty.</li> </ol>	

<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <p><b>President Hendricks</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Senators need to turn in nominations for Regents Professor to the Provost.</li> <li>2. Monday April 9 will be the Faculty Senate Award Ceremony from 11:30-1:30 p.m.</li> <li>3. Senators need to pick up their new Senate name badges.</li> <li>4. Career Development is April 11.</li> <li>5. Dr. James Hallmark from West Texas A&amp;M is the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Ashley is Vice Chancellor for Diversity.</li> <li>6. President Hendricks is meeting with the president to discuss the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. merit raises for faculty next year</li> <li>b. teaching load policy so that those teaching graduate and undergraduate courses will have the same course load requirements each semester.</li> <li>c. need more input from Graduate Council on how to get credit for faculty who are supervising dissertations.</li> <li>d. working on helping department heads determine teaching loads.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Ricky Dobbs is chair of the committee to establish a 42-hour core curriculum that will be university-wide by 2014.</li> <li>8. Working on establishing a women's center on campus.</li> <li>9. Dr. Hendricks encouraged faculty to keep in touch with retired faculty. He has been visiting some of our former faculty members.</li> <li>10. Korean students need better safety training about traffic policies. One student was hit by a former faculty member. Highway 50 needs better pedestrian access.</li> <li>11. Winter mini course pay for instructors will increase to \$4,000.00 next year.</li> <li>12. Dr. R.N. Singh is being honored as Regents Professor April 19 at 11:00a.m.</li> <li>13. John Ballotti is running for Mayor of Commerce.</li> </ol>	
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<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Academic Life:</b> policies for women being worked on. Also need a policy regarding course load equivalency.</p> <p><b>Academic Practices:</b> Friday, November 9 there will be a Casino Night on campus for a new academy of health potential.</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> process is finished, recommendations need to be finalized.</p> <p><b>Curriculum:</b> Deans will meet at the end of the month to review changes.</p> <p><b>Faculty Awards:</b> Fill out ballots and return to Derald Harp.</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are a number of reports due on campus. The number of reports needs to be condensed.</li> <li>2. Dr. Hendricks will speak with Dr. Clinton to discuss mentoring for efforts for students.</li> <li>3. Congratulations to Dr. Hendricks for being elected as President-elect of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates (a four year term) beginning fall 2012.</li> </ol>	