

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: May 6, 2014
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve April minutes as written.	Moved by Chuck Holt. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers: Dean Tim Letzring, COEHS and Dean Steve Williams, COB</p> <p>President Dan Jones, CEO</p>	<p>Both new Deans introduced themselves to senate.</p> <p>Planning agenda for the next legislative session.</p> <p>Requesting funds for two capital projects: A new library/computer lab/center and a Nursing & Health Sciences building.</p> <p>Exceptional items requests include: Institute for competency based education (\$10K degree) - only SACS accredited program in state. MSN in Nursing, BS in Electrical Engineering, and Doctorate in Business Administration.</p> <p>Regents approved: Fixed rate 4 year tuition for undergraduates.</p> <p>Tobacco & vapor policy will be studied in fall with the goal of creating a tobacco-free campus.</p> <p>Administrative review requested by TAMUS.</p>	

<p>Dr. Grady Blount</p>	<p>Present to clarify any statements made in the April meeting</p>	
<p>Provost Adolfo Benavides</p>	<p>Summer business model faculty can average two classes over both summer terms for minimum numbers.</p>	
	<p>External employment denied when faculty has a course release or working for a competitor school.</p>	
<p>Jason Bone, Campus Police</p>	<p>Conducted Panic button training for Senate. He is available on request to train departments.</p>	
<p>Communications Faculty Senate President Linda Openshaw</p>	<p>Welcomed new senators to May meeting. New senate shirts to arrive this week. They will be sent to each senator's department.</p>	
<p>Committee Memberships:</p>	<p>Academic Life: subcommittee asked to determine costs of the proposed family tuition benefits.</p> <p>Curriculum: Processed 500 curriculum change submissions to date.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: Congratulations on another successful awards banquet.</p> <p>University Facilities & Scheduling: Monroe Street scheduled to be finished this summer</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p>	<p>Election of secretary still incomplete</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>The senate approved all May and August graduates that meet the requirements for their respective degrees.</p>	<p>Moved by Chuck Holt. Seconded. Motion passed</p>