

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: Oct 1, 2013
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:25 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve September minutes as written.	Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Dr. Derald Harp, SACS Committee Chair</p> <p>Communications:</p> <p>Faculty Senate President, Dr. Linda Openshaw</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>SACS Update: Compliance certification documentation has been submitted to SACS. SACS Off-Site committee meets November 7-8th, 2013 to finalize judgments. The On-Site visit will occur March 3-6th, 2014. The On-Site committee report is due no later than August 4th, 2014.</p> <p>President Jones asked that each department create a plan to increase enrollment.</p> <p>Input for future Senate speakers and/or agenda items was requested. Send your requests directly to President Openshaw.</p> <p>Academic Life: Senator Nippani's committee meets next Thursday.</p> <p>Academic Practices: Send grade appeal policy recommendations to Dr. Benton Pierce.</p> <p>Curriculum: Senator Pierce's committee is complete and will meet when the new curriculum process is in place.</p>	

<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Faculty Awards: Dr. Openshaw asked this committee to consider the consolidation of senate awards. The announcement of the Piper Award is forthcoming. Senator Anderson reminded us that our nomination is due in the Provost Office by November 18th.</p> <p>Organization of the Senate: Senator Sean Anderson needs three more committee members.</p> <p>Senator Balloti complimented CTIS Tech Support Desk on their help resolving IT issues he recently experienced.</p> <p>Senate approved the Student Travel Rule with clarification about the procedures for an individual student driving his/her own vehicle to an organized off campus event.</p> <p>President Openshaw asked for an assessment of professional/tenure track faculty by department. Send your departmental numbers to Senator David Anderson.</p> <p>Senate requested a review of the faculty/staff list-serve process.</p> <p>Senator Lopez requested additional staff parking in SRSC lot.</p> <p>A question was raised concerning cheating/ plagiarism on the A&M-Commerce campus. Is there a committee that handles this issue? Is there a campus database available to record violations of this policy?</p>	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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