

Meeting: Faculty Senate

Date: May 1, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: BA 290

Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

Minutes

Members present, Wilson, Harp, Choi, Starnes, Dempsey (Ballotti), Creider, Nippani, Fish, Alexander, Dang, Anderson, D., Anderson, S., Fernandez-Lamarque, Odom, Faulkenberry, Bertulani, King, Pierce, Wiecko, Hendricks (President), Openshaw & Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>Motion to approve Minutes</p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Dean University College</p> <p>Amy Patrick, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity</p>	<p>Motion to approve April 2012 minutes was approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Dobb's presentation was sent to all Senators in advance.2. All state institutions require a 42 hour core curriculum. We currently are at 43 hours.3. The policy draft is easy to decipher:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Purple is state languageb. Red is any we can changec. Black is what is in the current policy4. There is a 3 hour leeway at TAMU-Commerce for students to pick one class. All local hours must fit major area descriptions.5. Core curriculum committee meeting scheduled for May 9 at 11:00a.m. in BA 218. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amy responded to questions from Senators.2. The searches have gone well.3. Rental car usage by candidates is less expensive than having them drive their own cars.	<p>Moved by Tim Wilson. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

<p>Dr. Dan Edelman, Associate Provost</p> <p>Communication:</p> <p>Senate President LaVelle Hendricks</p> <p>Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The two week window for bringing a candidate to campus is to help cut down on costs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Edelman is replacing Dr. Sandy Weeks who is retiring. 2. He expressed a desire to work with the Faculty Senate. He has an open door policy. 3. He wants to know where Senate keeps the records, and what he can do be an effective liaison with the Senate. 4. His key skills are attention to detail, and the ability to follow procedures. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The policy on faculty teaching loads has not been voted on by the Deans Council because some of the Deans are out of town. Dr. Hendricks shared his concern with President Jones about not being able to get policy changes. 2. Faculty Senate will be represented at College Station at reception and breakfast hosted by the Chancellor, John Sharp. The Senate's elected officers attending will be LaVelle Hendricks, Derald Harp, Quynh Dang, Barbara Hammack, and Linda Openshaw. 3. Derald Harp has been selected to Chair SACS and will be Senate President next year. 4. LaVelle Hendricks is chairing the QEP committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget plan is still under review. There needs to be a plan that includes faculty growth as well as student growth. 	
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<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>1. Senators are interested in learning the results of the Academic Practices study John Smith was conducting on faculty morale.</p> <p>2. Thanks for completing the Library Survey. They are still seeking a response from 50 more faculty.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>The senate approved all May graduates that meet the requirements for their respective degrees.</p>	<p>Moved by Barbara Hammack. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>