

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: June 23, 2015  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: BA 290  
 Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Arslan, Dang, Smith, Davis, Anderson, .Lamarque, Yan, Taneja, Ballotti, Ou, Kelly, Smithers (Tenhunen), Williams (Davis), Starnes (President), Hammack (Secretary), Openshaw (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve April and May minutes with corrections.	Moved by Gordon Heslop. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p><b>Guest Speakers:</b></p> <p>President Dan Jones</p>	<p>President Jones gave an overview of the 2015 Texas Legislative session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was good for higher education with a 3% increase in formula funding which will give TAMU-C a little over \$6,000,000.00 per year in tuition revenue. Forty-eight million dollars was approved for the Nursing and Health Sciences building.</li> <li>2. Exceptional items include \$48,000,000.00 biennial appropriation for the Nursing Building and funding for instituting competency based education, which gives us the opportunity to become a research center for competency based pedagogy.</li> <li>3. Texas Dream Act will give in-state status for undocumented students.</li> <li>4. State contracting will become how state agencies function for the things that we contract out.</li> <li>5. Emerging technology funds which helped universities partner with technology funds has been abolished and is now a university research fund that can be used to attract top quality researchers such as Nobel Prize winners.</li> <li>6. Hazelwood funds were not cut and do provide veterans and his or her family members funds to cover up to 150 credit hours at a university.</li> <li>7. Campus Carry Senate Bill 11 has key elements that include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. We can determine gun free zones.</li> <li>b. We have until December to put a policy in place and by February 1, 2016 the policy must be decided.  <b>Campus Carry</b> will be effective January 1, 2016.</li> <li>c. University Police (UPD) will be the critical contact</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<p>Robert Dotson, Assistant Dean of Campus Life &amp; Student Development</p>	<p>point. Jason Bone is our compliance expert.</p> <p>d. We need to do educational programming to explain what the law is and is not.</p> <p>e. There is a hold harmless provision for trainers.</p> <p>8. Question was asked by Senator Sean Anderson about whether or not IT can have the authority to get on our personal electronic devices. President Jones said that university devices are to be used for university purposes and any communication is part of the university.</p> <p>9. News update: about to contract with a marketing communications firm whose first task will be to overhaul our web site.</p> <p>10. UCD enrollment low but getting better. 109% last fall's final enrollment – we need predictable schedules and course rotation.</p> <p>11. Senator Heslop asked about improving the placement and number of white boards in a classroom. President Jones said it would not be a difficult problem to solve.</p> <p>Robert Dotson reported on the work of the Academic Practices Committee chaired by Dr. Ballenger.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dean Dotson gave the Senators a Civility statement. It will be updated in the student guidebook and will be added to undergraduate policy. The statement is available on the Judicial Affairs web page: <a href="http://www.tamuc.edu/campuslife/campusServices/judicialAffairs/">www.tamuc.edu/campuslife/campusServices/judicialAffairs/</a></li> <li>2. Because there is a need to come up with a better system of documenting and tracking classroom incidents- Dean Dotson provided a proposed Incident flow chart.</li> <li>3. Incident reports are currently handled by faculty and department heads at both the graduate and undergraduate level. This policy should be reviewed and the decision should be voted on. An incident report form was provided.</li> <li>4. Guidebook goes live the first day of school. Policy needs to be decided by August 1.</li> <li>5. The civility statement from the Dean of Students' office and the Academic Practices committee of the Senate on academic dishonesty will be worked on and sent to department heads.</li> <li>6. Any questions to clarify civility statement, flow chart, and incident report should be sent to Robert Dotson.</li> </ol>	<p>Motion was made by Senator Openshaw to approve the civility statement, flow chart, and incident reports and to approve the report by Robert Dotson.</p> <p>Motion was seconded by Senator John Ballotti. Motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Committee:</b> Work is completed and sent to President</p>	

<b>Reports:</b>	Jones.	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	<p>President Starnes and Senator Linda Openshaw met with Alicia Currin and learned that PAC has approved \$50,000.00 to begin funding a Faculty/Staff Family scholarship in response to the Senate request on June 23, 2014.</p> <p>The Lion Family Scholarship website, where more information can be found, is:  <a href="http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/tuitionCosts/bursar/lion-family-scholarship.aspx">http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/tuitionCosts/bursar/lion-family-scholarship.aspx</a></p> <p>The following are the revised Senate eligibility recommendations for the family scholarship.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eligibility includes faculty/staff family members (spouse and children)</li> <li>2. Applies toward an undergraduate degree</li> <li>3. Funds up to \$500.00 for fall and spring semesters.</li> <li>4. Recipient must attend a minimum of six hours per semester and be seeking a degree at Texas A&amp;M University-Commerce.</li> <li>5. Recipient must have a 2.0 grade point average.</li> <li>6. Must reapply each year –four year maximum.</li> <li>7. If student fails of withdraws from classes then reimbursement of funds used is required.</li> </ol>	<p>Motion was made by Linda Openshaw to approve the revised recommendations and to submit them to Alicia Currin. Motion was seconded by John Ballotti. Motion passed.</p>