

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: February 2, 2010
 Time: 2:05 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Wascovich, Miskevich, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Alexander, Dang, Mahan, Seminet, Dorsett, Odom, Druhan, Herndon, Pierce, Sun, Smith (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary) Frost, GA

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	December 2009 minutes were approved with corrections.	Accepted by acclamation.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Randy Van Deven , Vice President Institution Advancement	Mr. Van Deven reported the following: A. Three areas for fund raising: 1) Annual programs-communicate with alumni who help let others know of our needs. 2) Major gifts-need representation in each of the three colleges to communicate with colleges and deans, department heads and faculty. 3) Planned giving-establish relationships and connect with successful alumni . B. Priorities for Institutional Advancement include: 1) Scholarships-it is easy to raise money for scholarships . 2) Excellence funds-Deans get money to spend on needs. The goal is to raise this amount up to \$1 million. 3) Pride Magazine will be used to recruit, retain, and market for university growth. 4) Foundation-18 members-membership campaign. 5) Endowment \$17 million. 6) Bridge Builders over 50% university contributions .	

<p>Communication: Senate President Dr. John Smith</p>	<p>Senate President Smith reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unable to meet with President Jones 2. Student evaluations of faculty will be placed online according to HB 2504. 3. Follow-up will be done on evaluation form that Senate voted down but is currently being used. 4. Report from University Executive Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Public hearings on proposed tuition increase of \$3.91 per credit hour. Hearings on 2/3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rayburn Student Center, and 2/6 at 6:00 p.m. at the metroplex center. 2) President Smith volunteered to be on the Facilities Committee 3). Senator Creider was selected to be on the Technology Evaluation Committee. 3) Dr. Lemanski is looking over programs to see which ones are successful. 4) President Jones reported that Representative Dan Branch is concerned about the cost of textbooks. 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Committee: Senators Hendricks, Seminet and Odom reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A) There is a proposed pool to allow for 2% merit increase for employees but the budgeted is \$1.5 million short. B) There is a mandate to cut about \$459,000.00 out of this year's and next year's budget. 	

	<p>C) Texas' budget is about \$20 billion short causing universities to consider a 5% reduction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Curriculum Committee: Senator Diane Mahan reported that curriculum changes are online. Senators should log in and review the recommendations before the February 19 deadline. 3. Awards Committee: Faculty Senate President John Smith reported nominations for faculty awards are needed and deadline is extended to February 15 and will send out a new notice to all faculty. 4. Academic Practices and Academic Life Committees need to schedule an appointment to meet with Sandy Weeks. 	
<p>New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senator Ballotti asked about changing a course from Humanities to Social Sciences. It needs to be approved by the Curriculum Committee. 2. Concern was raised about lack of communication from administration. Senate does not always get to hear about things until after the fact and then we have to be reactive rather than proactive. 3. Senators want to know when the administration will decide on evaluation criteria. 4. Senator LaVelle Hendricks made a motion to invite Carlton Cooper to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Senator Seminet. 5. Senate website is being updated. 	<p>Motion passed.</p>