

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: February 8, 2011
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members present, Wilson, Harp, Choi, Starnes, Ballotti, Creider, Davis, Alexander, Dang, Smith, Mahan, Odom, Faulkenberry, King, Pierce, Sun, Hendricks (President), Openshaw & Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>Motion to Approve Minutes</p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Tracy Henley, Department Head Psychology & Special Education</p> <p>Abby McQuery from KETV was present taping session</p> <p>Caleb Slinkard & Adam Troxtell from the East Texan were present to interview Senators after the meeting.</p>	<p>December 2010 minutes were approved.</p> <p>Dr. Henley discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern over differences in teaching load with undergraduate and graduate classes. 2. Proposed that we move away from the notion that there is a difference in graduate and undergraduate teaching. Make it 3/3 or 12 hours per semester, or some variation such as 9/9 or 20 hours per year for research activity and those actively participating in research. 3. Senators should discuss Dr. Henley's proposal within departments and e-mail faculty opinions to John Smith, Chair of Academic Life before the Executive Committee meeting on February 15. 	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

<p>Communication from Senate President LaVelle Hendricks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reorganization plan for a new college has been submitted by President Jones. 2. Graduate Council has approved some curriculum changes. Check with Louise Skinner to find out about them. 3. Dr. Hendricks is conducting a research project on campus with 40 African-American students. 4. Faculty Spotlights for March are: Jason Davis, COEHS Randy Odom, Business & Technology Bill Aslan, Arts & Science 5. Faculty Awards Reception will be April 15 at 2:00p.m. Please nominate someone for each category. 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Practices Committee received survey results on Turn-it-in. 55% of faculty reported “yes” and 45% reported “no” to using the program. Eighty-nine percent of faculty said they do not use it routinely, and 5-10% reported using it during a semester. 2. Budget Committee Furloughs are a possibility with the state budget. May involve cuts within programs. Possible reduction in use of adjuncts. 3. Curriculum Committee reported getting some changes and getting caught up. 4. Awards Committee reported the time for sending in nominations is approaching 5. University Facilities & Scheduling John Ballotti will e-mail Jamie Baker regarding his previous survey results asking for tuition breaks for faculty dependents. 	

<p>New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion was made to approve sending \$300.00 dues to Texas Faculty Senate in Austin. 2. Meeting is being taped by KETV. 3. Students from East Texan want to interview faculty members after meeting. 4. No evaluations were collected from online classes last fall. Dr. Hendricks will look into it. 5. Question: What is the procedure for pay equity for tenure? Need clarification on the policy. 	<p>Tim Wilson made motion. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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