

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: March 4, 2014
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: EDS 104
 Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve February minutes as written.	Moved by Daniel Kelly. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Tim Murphy, CIO</p> <p>Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Graduate School</p> <p>Joe Daun</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Mr. Murphy hired a person to assist with MAC computers; upgrading email system within next two months; need information from faculty for negotiation and discussion points about eCollege; five year plan to increase campus internet bandwidth; help desk moving to 24/7 operation; senators agreed service has greatly improved over last several months</p> <p>Reviewed Graduate Expo flyer, Graduate Research Symposium handout; announced the graduate rollover scholarship application is placed in every graduate's packet; will be offering competitive scholarships because of count year.</p> <p>There is a discussion about returning to face to face student evaluations of faculty as the online evaluations are only getting a 30% return rate. Requesting feedback by 3/24 on handouts concerning evaluation questions.</p> <p>Academic Practices: Report concerning Dr. Alan Francis' appeal has been sent to both the Provost and President.</p> <p>Curriculum: New Equine studies program was approved by the Senate.</p>	

<p>Communication:</p> <p>Faculty Senate President Dr. Linda Openshaw</p> <p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>New Business:</p>	<p>Faculty Awards: Motion to give the Awards committee full authority to make recommendations for all awards on behalf of the senate.</p> <p>Organization of the Senate: compiling changes and revisions to the faculty handbook.</p> <p>University Facilities & Scheduling: Faculty/staff parking will be available in SRSC lot once construction is complete.</p> <p>Each college has its own workload policy, but the new provost has not approved these policies. A motion was made to send the workload policies to Provost.</p> <p>The approved Constitution needs to be revised online.</p> <p>President Openshaw reported on the recent meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates.</p> <p>Senator Starnes will help Joe Daun’s building access committee write recommendations to the University Police Department, which follows holiday scheduling. Senators Heslop and Kelly volunteered to be on this committee also.</p> <p>Senator Daun suggested annual faculty evaluation be moved to spring. Senator Holt volunteered to be on this committee.</p> <p>A motion was made to give \$200 for each of the nine Faculty Senate Awards.</p> <p>Senator King expressed concerned over access to CourseLeaf when proper curriculum procedures are not followed.</p> <p>Reminder: Faculty Senate elections are next month.</p>	<p>Moved by Gerard Huber Seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Moved by Chuck Holt. Seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Moved by Linda Openshaw. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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