Meeting: Faculty Senate Date: October 2, 2007 Time: 2:05 p.m. Location: Bin 126 Adjournment: 3:09 p.m.

## **Minutes**

Members present: Wilson, Miskevich, Starnes, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Wickersham, Vinaja, von Duvillard, Kowalski (Smith), Rankin, Odom, Webster (Dorsett), Druhan, West, Herndon, Schroeder, Openshaw, Singh, Crenshaw (President), Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to	September 4, 2007 minutes approved.	Moved by Tim Wilson.
Approve Minutes		Seconded. Motion
		passed.
Communication	President Crenshaw reported discussion topics	
from Senate President	from his meeting with the President and Provost.	
Crenshaw	Piper Award protocol has been issued and the	
	call for nominees is forthcoming.	
	Presidential search committee has not been	
	appointed yet.	
	Faculty parking concerns especially spaces at	
	the science building were discussed. President McFarland will contact campus police and ask	
	them to monitor blue parking areas more closely	
	for violators. He asked faculty to keep individual	
	logs and forward them to the appropriate committee chair.	
	Dr. Crenshaw expressed his concern about the	
	rigid method for processing curriculum changes.	
	Dr. Crenshaw will meet with the President and	
	Provost the day before each faculty senate	
	meeting this year. He encouraged senators to send their concerns to him prior to that date each	
	month.	

Committee	Academic Life: A question concerning the	Assigned to Academic
Reports	wording of the university Anti-Discrimination	Life committee.
	Policy has been raised.	
	<b>Budget:</b> Senator Odom announced the	
	guaranteed 5% budget adjustments were made	
	this year. A question was asked about a raise in	
	the amount of 5% for next year.	
	Faculty Awards: Senators von Duvillard and	
	West reminded senate about the changes made to	
	the number of awards given annually. Each year	
	two research, two teaching, and one service	
	award will be chosen. One Regent's Professor	
	nominee will be sent annually from A&M-	
	Commerce to the Board of Regents for this	
	award. Look for the Piper Award request via e-	
	mail. Nominations must be in before 1	
	November. Updated Faculty Award portfolio	
	submission procedures have been revised and are	
	posted online.	
	<b>Faculty Lounge:</b> Senator Frank Miskevich met	
	with his committee. A list of suggestions and	
	organizational procedures is being formalized	
	and will be presented at the next senate meeting.	
	<b>Organization of the Senate:</b> Currently, Faculty	Assigned to Organization
	Lounge is an ad hoc committee appointed by the	of the Senate committee.
	faculty senate president. Dr. Crenshaw requested	
	the committee be made a standing committee	
	which would require amending the constitution.	
	University Facilities & Scheduling: Send	
	information about faculty parking violators to Dr.	
	John Ballotti.	
Unfinished	None	
Business	110110	
New Business	There appears to be an inconsistency in the	Assigned to Academic
	evaluation of administrators at all levels within	Life committee.
	the system. Each campus has been asked to	
	review/develop policy/procedures on this matter.	