

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: September 2, 2008
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: Binnion 126
 Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Miskevich, Starnes, Ballotti, Creider, Hendricks, Espinoza, Vinaja, Dang, Smith, Horton, Mahan, Seminet, Odom, Dorsett, Druhan, West, Herndon, Schroeder, Sun, Singh (President), Openshaw & Hammack (Secretary)

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| <p>Guests: President Jones, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Hendrix, and Bob Brown</p> | <p>President Jones reported on the University's Legislative Priorities for the 81st Session. These include: start-up funds for a B.S. degree in Construction Engineering, The Rayburn College for transfer students, and the College Readiness Academy. Tuition Revenue Bond projects include: renovations to the university library, and the E&G Buildings.</p> <p>President Jones is creating a Budget Development Committee which will include faculty member to strengthen the connection between planning and operations. Planning for 2009 budget begins in September 2008.</p> <p>Interim Provost Hendrix reported that the Tenure Procedures will be made consistent with the A&M System Tenure Policy.</p> <p>She also reported that the Deans are meeting about a proposed two class days per week schedule M, W 8-9:15-3:30-4:45p.m. and Tues., Thursday format. Three day per week schedules will still be considered if the discipline can justify it. Schedule change may be implemented in the spring. This change will not alter the schedule for evening and weekend classes.</p> | |

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| <p data-bbox="233 344 415 527">Approval of Minutes from June 24, and July 15 meetings</p> <p data-bbox="233 562 428 598">New Business:</p> | <p data-bbox="474 527 997 709">Dr. Singh explained that Serge von Duvillard had resigned as Senate President because of health reasons. Dr. Singh who was President-elect will assume the role of president this year.</p> <p data-bbox="474 745 841 781">Elections for President-elect</p> <p data-bbox="474 963 899 1035">Election of Budget Development Committee Members</p> <p data-bbox="474 1218 992 1400">Faculty Senate Committees have been named. All senators must serve on at least one senate committee. Chairs may add other members if they so choose to do so.</p> <p data-bbox="474 1436 1000 1583">Amber Malloy is serving as GA for the Senate. She can be reached at (903) 249-3254 or at amaloy@leo.tamu-commerce.edu</p> <p data-bbox="474 1619 997 1690">Barbara Hammack and Linda Openshaw will share the secretary position.</p> | <p data-bbox="1037 344 1385 415">Both sets of minutes were approved.</p> <p data-bbox="1037 709 1377 957">Senator Hendricks nominated John Smith for president-elect. Second: Senator Openshaw. John Smith was elected as President-elect for 2008-09.</p> <p data-bbox="1037 963 1377 1253">Budget Development Committee members from Faculty Senate are: Philippe Seminet-Lit & Lang., Lavelle Hendricks-COEHS, Randy Odom-CBT, (Alternate-Tim Wilson-CBT)</p> |

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| Old Business | Dr. Singh will send a report from the Students' Evaluation Committee-- Appointed-July 2008. The Committee members were Chair: R.N. Singh, Kathryn Jacobs, Linda Openshaw, and Tim Wilson. | The Committee sent to Frank Ashley a list of ten evaluation questions that could be used as students evaluate faculty. |
| Communications | R. N. Singh, on behalf of Dave Crenshaw, attended a meeting with the Chancellor, Frank Ashley, and senate presidents from nine A&M System schools. A discussion of system-wide evaluation of teaching by students occurred. In the forthcoming Spring semester, all campuses will reward good teaching with monetary rewards. The legislature is looking at the tenure system and there is a move toward all faculty being responsible for a strong research based publishing agenda, and receipt of external funds through grants. Tenure issues may be addressed at the next legislative session. | |