

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: October 7, 2008
 Time: 2:03 p.m.
 Location: Bin 126
 Adjournment: 3:32 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	September 2, 2008 minutes approved as corrected.	Moved by Larry Clinton. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>University President Dan Jones</p> <p>and</p> <p>Interim Provost Mary Hendrix</p>	<p>President Dan Jones announced two new program initiatives: English Language Institute (one year non-credit program to teach ESL). Executive MBA program in China.</p> <p>He also talked about the newly organized University Budget Review & Development Council working on: A 3% possible re-allocation of budgeted university funds; and an Athletics Fee Referendum - \$10 per semester credit hour capped at \$120 for 12 hours per student.</p> <p>President Jones also announced an administrative reorganization being underway to separate academic and student affairs. Dr. Mary Hendrix will be the Vice President for Students Access and Success. A national search will be conducted for a Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs.</p> <p>Dr. Mary Hendrix will soon be forwarding to faculty senate drafts of our changed procedures for tenure and other matters in order to align them with recent changes in the A&M System policies. This will include the new non-tenure track faculty classification at A&M-Commerce, Fixed/Renewable-Term Professional Track. This classification will be a 3 to 5 year renewable contract for newly hired faculty with an exclusive emphasis on teaching or research. Details will be forthcoming.</p>	

<p>Communication from Senate President Singh</p>	<p>President Singh and President Elect Smith will attend the Texas Faculty Senate meeting in Austin October 24-25.</p> <p>He encouraged all faculty members to read, review and send him feedback about the newly posted university procedure changes, especially for annual evaluation, tenure & promotion, and post tenure review.</p> <p>Faculty Senate at A&M-Corpus Christi voted to reject the Chancellor's Awards for teaching based only on student evaluations.</p> <p>Dr Singh reviewed the Senate's goals developed for 2008-2009.</p> <p>Dr. Headley, Dean of the Graduate studies and Research has asked the Senate to appoint a Copy Rights Committee. Send all membership recommendations to Dr. Singh.</p> <p>Dr Singh reminded committee chairs to let the Senate's graduate assistant, Amber Malloy, know if anyone needs help with making copies, providing supplies, and any requests for travel.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Budget: Senators Randy Odom, Philippe Seminet, LaVelle Hendricks and Tim Wilson (alternate) are the only faculty members on the newly formed University Budget Review & Development Council of twenty plus members.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: Senator John Smith has scheduled his initial organization meeting for this committee next week.</p> <p>Organization of the Senate: The constitutionality of including the immediate past senate president on the Executive Committee was raised. Dr. Singh asked the committee to review this and if appropriate amend the constitution.</p> <p>University Facilities & Scheduling: Senator John Ballotti is seeking information about membership on the University Parking committee</p>	<p>Assigned to Organization of the Senate committee.</p>