

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: Nov 5, 2013
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes	Motion to approve October minutes as written.	Moved by Chuck Holt. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Dan Jones, University President</p> <p>Ms. Rebecca Tuerk, Director Student Disability Resources & Services</p> <p>Dean John Kalfus & Assist. Dean Robert Dotson</p> <p>Campus Life & Development</p>	<p>The two Dean searches are in the final phase. Candidates will be on campus in the next two weeks.</p> <p>A model is being developed for a 4 year degree with a guaranteed fixed rate for tuition and fees.</p> <p>Beginning Spring, 2014 we are in a count year as of the 13th class day.</p> <p>Ms. Tuerk presented an overview of her department. This office accommodates students with disabilities. There has been an increase in the number of students requesting services. Students cannot ask for accommodations without being documented through this office. Accommodations are available for both face to face and online courses.</p> <p>This department handles academic dishonesty cases. The department has judicial software for tracking students who plagiarize multiple times. They work cooperatively with faculty and academic departments as they implement due process so students are dealt with fairly. Office is located in Halliday 201.</p>	

<p>Dr. Shonda Gibson, Director Global Learning</p>	<p>What is QEP? To improve students' knowledge of global understanding. Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) website gives an overview as well as detailed information about the university plan. This web site can be found on our home page under Faculty/Staff then at the bottom under Resources.</p>	
<p>Communications: Faculty Senate President Linda Openshaw</p>	<p>Dr. Openshaw attended the fall meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates in Austin. We are advised not to keep anything personal on our computers that we are not willing to lose should there be an investigation.</p>	
<p>Committee Memberships:</p>	<p>Academic Life: Over 160 responded to the survey sent to faculty about tuition breaks for spouses and dependents. The overwhelming majority are in favor of these benefits.</p> <p>Budget: The first of the biweekly meeting begins tomorrow.</p> <p>Curriculum: A new process was developed for course input and changes. It is currently in the testing phase.</p> <p>Faculty Awards: This committee met about the Piper Award and three names will be sent to the Provost next Monday.</p> <p>Organization of the Senate: This committee is currently revising the faculty handbook.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p>	<p>Each department is encouraged to develop a student recruitment plan as this spring begins a count year.</p> <p>The university police chief, Donna Spinato, recommended the Traffic Committee designate a row of faculty/staff parking on the east side of the Sam Rayburn Center.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>A clear post tenure review policy for each department is needed.</p>	