

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: December 7, 2017
 Time: 2:01 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:41 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Tim Wilson, Curtis Jones, Annette Taggart, Gerard Huber, Johanna Delgado-Acevedo, Stephen Starnes, Bilal Abu Bakr, Benton Pierce, Greg Lubiani, Nathan Templeton representing Julia Ballenger, Sarah Mitchell, Charlotte Larkin, John Smith, Jason Davis, Sean Anderson, Susan Stewart, Brandon Randolph-Seng, Yelin Ou, Daniel Kelly, Debra Mahoney, Kurtis Williams, Chad King (President), Benjamin May, Jiaming Sun, Rebecca Worley
 Members absent: Yasemin Atinc, Juan Araujo

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>Invited Speakers: Dr. Salvatore Attardo, Dean - CHHSA, Dr. Mark Menaldo, Director, School of Liberal Arts</p> <p>Mr. Tim Murphy, Chief Information Officer, Texas A&M University Commerce</p>	<p>Dr. Attardo and Dr. Menaldo discussed several topics about the School of Liberal Arts as summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The objective of the School of Liberal Arts (SLA) is to get a population of students that currently we don't have and to increase revenue. • The SLA will do a good job recruiting new students; we do not offer a degree in liberal arts now. We have a problem recruiting new students; the general population does not know that TAMUC exists. • Dr. Attardo mentioned that results from a survey showed that only 3% of people in the market for higher education know about TAMUC. He added that we needed to approach and target that market. • Dr. Attardo stated that if the SLA is able to get 200 students it would break even in terms of the budget. He stated that doing an aggressive and serious recruiting campaign in 4 years the School should have 400 students. He also mentioned that Dr. Keck wants to recruit 1,400 new students and a big portion can come from students that apply to the SLA. • Dr. Menaldo compared TAMUC's SLA with other Liberal Arts schools and showed how the costs and value is better compared to Austin College, Southeastern University and Colorado College. He also mentioned that their goal is to have well rounded and employable students. • In terms of the curriculum, Dr. Menaldo proposed creating a guided core curriculum, increasing the amount of sections and adding them to the Honors College courses. They want all faculty to voluntarily be involved, 	

articulate new courses with innovative research questions

- President King asked whether the proposal was for a school, college or department. The answer was ideally to create an independent school, but with the participation of the whole university encompassing all colleges.
- Senator Taggart asked, that based on that answer, if they will report to the CHHSA dean and they responded that no, the SLA will not.
- Senator Taggart followed up asking if the SLA will have its own budget and administrative assistant; Dr. Attardo answered that it would not be financially possible; they will receive support from the Provost's Office and other colleges.
- Senator Stewart asked how they had the same amount in the budget for study abroad for 2018-19 and the fifth year of the SLA; Dr. Attardo answered that is the amount of money that will be awarded, not all students will get to do study abroad and also students will have to contribute.
- Senator Stewart also asked if the process of admission will be similar to the Honors College to which Dr. Attardo answered yes, it is possible but they need to work out those details.
- Senator Taggart asked how many faculty lines the SLA will create, Dr. Attardo answered that none in the first year, he explained that the idea is that the SLA will pay departments for the faculty time that the school is using and the departments will use that money for adjuncts. Most of the teaching will be done by faculty from other colleges. Later on the SLA will add a faculty line per year.
- President King asked how the recruitment will be if students are new or transfers, Dr. Attardo said that they will focus of first-year, high quality students.
- Senator Kelly stated that based on the curriculum it will be difficult to major in other degrees, for example it will be impossible for music. Dr. Menaldo answered that it will need to be coordinated with Department Heads and talk to Colleges to explore the possibility to identify

sticky points and caveats to make it work.

- President King acknowledged Dr. Attardo and Dr. Menaldo.
- President King introduced Chief Information Office, Tim Muphy. Mr. Murphy asked if he could visit the Senate every semester to which President King said yes.
- Mr. Murphy explained the IT classroom process, he discussed that they created a budget to work in classrooms and call-in center. They also improved the ticketing system and they can send a technician to fix classroom problems most of the time. Mr. Murphy asked if senators had questions.
- President King asked if IT has some kind of routine checking in classrooms and offices during the summer, before classes start. Mr. Murphy answered that every summer, technicians visit classrooms to check equipment and software.
- President King pointed out that there are many problems with projectors and computers to which Mr. Murphy said that we should fix it with a virtual environment, every professor would have a desktop and would follow her/him everywhere you login but we have buildings that are not equipped to do this. The university is working on creating the virtual environment and hopefully in December should be operating.
- President King asked Mr. Murphy about the general structure of CITE in relationship to with the University. Mr. Murphy said that he is an employee of the university, Columbia Group employees are an outsourced entity however it sometimes uses student workers.
- Senator Abu Bakr asked why emails needed to be erased after 180 days, noting that a lot of activities that we do are longer than 180 days. Mr. Murphy answered that it is because legal reasons, e-mail accounts are not a document repository. He envisioned that the time to store emails will get even shorter.
- Several Senators approached Mr. Murphy with bad personal experiences with IT responses to problems in

	classrooms and offices to which Mr. Murphy apologized.	
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Life: Senator Larkin had nothing to report. • Academic Practice: Nathan Templeton for Julia Ballenger had nothing to report. • Admission and Retention: Senator Kelly met with Robert Dotson to work on the make up and process of the University Hiring Board. • Budget: Senator Stearns had nothing to report. • Faculty Awards: Senator May reminded the deadline for nominations and submissions. • Organization of the Senate: Senator Anderson had nothing to report. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President King presented the conferral of posthumous degree; it was approved unanimously. • President King presented the conferral of December graduates; it was approved unanimously. 	