

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: April 5, 2011
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Wilson, Harp, Wascovich, Choi, Starnes, Ballotti, Creider, Davis, Alexander, Dang, Smith, Horton, Mahan, Odom, Faulkenberry, Druhan, King, Pierce, Hendricks (President), Openshaw & Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>Motion to Approve Minutes</p> <p>Guest Speakers: President Dan Jones</p> <p>Provost Larry Lemanski, Vice President for Academic Affairs</p>	<p>Motion to approve March, 2011 minutes with corrections was approved.</p> <p>President Jones discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decisions are being made in Austin. There is an A&M System support team there. Legislature will pass the budget by the end of May. 2. There is a need to have salaries at TAMU-Commerce at a more competitive level. The merit pool this year helped and no other institution in the state had these salary increases. 3. A handout was provided that explained the college reorganization plan that went to the Board of Regents. We are still waiting for approval from the Board of Regents. 4. The increase in enrollment that we had this year has given us a .065% increase which equals 2-3 million dollars over the next couple of years. 5. The nursing program was approved by the Board of Regents and is being reviewed by the nursing board. It is scheduled to start this fall. <p>Provost Lemanski discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The church across from the Sam Rayburn center has been purchased to use for the nursing program. It is ready for occupancy. 	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

<p>Communication from Senate President LaVelle Hendricks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course evaluations for this spring will be the paper and pencil ones used in the past. 2. There are committees for hiring two deans. Dean Langford and Dean Mangus are each chairing one of these committees. 3. Barbara Hammack is on the committee to help hire a new chief information officer (CIO). 4. President Jones will be meeting with senior faculty monthly beginning next month. 5. Bills have been introduced in both house and senate that will permit hand guns on campus. 6. April 15 is the faculty awards ceremony. 7. There is a task force to rewrite the teaching load policy. 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Life will have the faculty morale survey available soon. 2. Budget in Bob Brown's report. 3. Curriculum committee-changes are being considered. 4. Awards-committee is meeting after the Senate meeting. 	
<p>New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of new officers: President- LaVelle Hendricks to replace Philippe Seminet President-elect-Derald Harp Secretary: Barbara Hammack & Linda Openshaw Parliamentarian: Daniel Creider 2. Next Executive Committee meeting is April 19. 	