

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: March 1, 2011
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members present, Wilson (Taggart), Harp, Wascovich, Ballotti, Creider, Davis, Alexander, Dang, Smith, Mahan, Seminet (Jacobs), Odom, Faulkenberry, Druhan, King, Pierce, Sun, Hendricks (President), Openshaw & Hammack (Secretary)

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
<p>Motion to Approve Minutes</p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>Greta Spradling, Executive Assistant to the Provost</p> <p>Caleb Slinkard from the East Texan</p>	<p>Motion to approve February 2011 minutes was approved.</p> <p>Greta Spradling discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online course evaluations will be used this semester. 2. There will be three separate evaluations for students to complete. But they will all be available on Myleo with one log in. These include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Same core evaluation for all courses b. A&M System teaching evaluations for those classes and professors who are eligible and enrolled in the Teaching Excellence Award Program c. Departmental evaluation 3. These programs can break apart for sub-accreditation, HB2504, and feedback to faculty on their courses. 4. 2nd phase-all classes will be reported online. Deans, department heads, and faculty will be able to see results by logging into MyLeo when the semester ends. 5. Incentive for students will be possibly the same ones used at A&M Kingsville-students will be able to see grades one week earlier if they complete the evaluations. 6. Some of these evaluations will not be available this spring. 	<p>Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>

<p>Communication:</p> <p>Senate President LaVelle Hendricks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Congratulations to Teaching Excellence Award winners. 2. There is no procedure for merit increases. 3. Texas Council of Faculty Senates met last week in Austin and drafted two resolutions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No guns on campuses b. Opposition to changes in faculty teaching loads 4. Please submit ballots for faculty awards to President Hendricks by Friday, March 11. 5. A panel about budget review is on campus with 1-2% reallocation. 6. Reorganization plan for the university is under a 30 day review. Dr. Hendricks sent a plan of action to all faculty members. 7. April 5 at 1:00p.m., there will be a meeting with all faculty about budget changes (prior to the April Senate meeting). 	
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Life will have the faculty morale survey available next week. 2. Academic Practices is seeking information on texting. Faculty should include a statement on syllabus about texting and enforce it. 3. Budget review council in President's office with possible fee increases. 4. Curriculum committee continues to accept curriculum changes. 5. Awards-submit names for faculty awards. 	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Senate voted to support Senator Chad King's resolution to oppose any change to Texas law that would allow concealed hand guns on college campuses by non-law enforcement professionals. Student government association voted against handguns on campus also.</p>	<p>Moved by John Smith. Seconded. Motion passed.</p>