

Meeting: Faculty Senate  
 Date: September 2, 2014  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: EdS 104  
 Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

# Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Lopez, Huber, Arslan, Nippani, Ballenger, Guru-Gharana, Willis (Dang), Smith (Kuracina), Davis, Anderson, Lamarque, Yan, Ballotti, Ou, Kelly, McKenzie (Smithers), Williams, King, Pierce, Starnes (President), Hammack & Openshaw (Secretary).

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Minutes	May and June 2014 Minutes were approved by acclamation.	Moved by Linda Openshaw, Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>John Kaulfus,          Dean of Students, &amp;          Robert Dotson,          Assistant Dean of Students</p>	<p>Dean Kaulfus discussed the following topics:</p> <p>1) Classroom management of students. Students cannot be removed from a class roster without due process. He wants to work with the Senate as a sub-committee to take on classroom management. There is a webinar by Dr. Sutton that will help teach positive behavior techniques to faculty. He provided a handout with suggestions. Senator Ballotti said he is using the policy established by Keith McFarland. This policy is still in operation. The Academic Practices Committee will become the sub-committee to work with Dean Kaulfus.</p> <p>2) Academic Dishonesty. Dean Kaulfus provided a handout with suggestions. He said we need a university-wide method of tracking which students are in violation and being dishonest. Repeat offenders in each College would be counseled and/or sanctioned and referred to the Provost's office. We need consistency across campus. Senator Ballenger volunteered to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee to address these issues.</p>	

<p>Derald Harp, Interim Director, School of Agriculture</p>	<p>Dr. Harp reported that the School of Agriculture has been separated from the College of Science and Engineering. There are currently 300 undergraduate, and 35 graduate students in Agriculture. The rodeo team is here and the arena should be completed this fall. The Bachelor's degree in Equine studies started this fall.</p>	
<p>Derald Harp and John Kaulfus – Co-chairs Strategic Planning Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Harp and Dr. Kaulfus reported about the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. There will be an open forum on September 22. They would like to do planning with the Senate. 2015-2020 Plan will be inclusive and based on feedback received from faculty.</p>	
<p>Brent Donham, Dean of the College of Science and Engineering</p>	<p>Dr. Donham is the new Dean of the College of Science and Engineering, Applied Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science &amp; Math. Dean Donham gave the Senators some background information about himself and some of the changes within the college.</p>	
<p>Tim Murphy, CIO and Paul Pechersky, IT</p>	<p>Mr. Murphy and Mr. Pechersky reported that they meet with the Deans Council quarterly in order to serve the university. Their focus is on operational excellence. The helpdesk is available 24-7.</p>	
<p>Communications</p>	<p>President Starnes met with President Jones and reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Enrollment is up 3.5% overall.</li> <li>2) Legislative appropriations to expand nursing faculty, STEM academy and BS in electrical engineering all look good.</li> <li>3) Capital projects for the nursing building and new library are being requested.</li> <li>3) Main initiative-better model for scheduling is being looked at as well as expanding programming in Rockwall and Dallas.</li> </ol>	

Committee Reports	<p><b>Academic Practices</b> new chair is Senator Julia Ballenger. Awards and Admission &amp; Retention of Students Committees both need new chairs. The other committees will be chaired by the senator as last year. All committee chairs and members should be in place by September 16.</p>	
Old Business	<p>1) Senator Linda Openshaw reported that Sri Nippani, Sean Anderson and she met with President Jones on Monday, June 30 to submit the Senates petition from faculty and a formal request for a Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver. President Jones appeared receptive to the idea.</p> <p>2) Senator Linda Openshaw also reported that she completed the paper work for a Faculty Senate Family Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made through Bridge Builders.</p>	
New Business	<p>The Curriculum Committee approved both the Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business Analytics. Their approval signifies Senate approval.</p> <p>The Provost is reviewing the workload policy.</p> <p>Review President McFarland’s policy on discipline.</p>	