

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: Sept 3, 2013
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

Minutes

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

Issue/Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision/Action
Motion to Approve Minutes:	Motion to approve May minutes as corrected.	Moved by Sri Nippani. Seconded. Motion passed.
<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p>President Dan Jones</p> <p>and</p> <p>Provost Adolfo Benavides</p> <p>and</p>	<p>The searches for both interim Dean positions (Business and Education) are underway. Searches will be run through Human Resources.</p> <p>CIO, Tim Murphy, and HR Director, Barbara Corvey, are no longer serving in interim positions but have permanent status.</p> <p>We are looking to outsource some technology along with four other A&M campuses.</p> <p>There are sixteen new faculty lines for this year.</p> <p>Enrollment figures for fall semester find an increase in undergraduate enrollment and a decrease in graduates, especially in the Colleges of Business and Education.</p> <p>The Provost wants to establish an open channel of communication with faculty. He plans to schedule two open forums for faculty each semester. Another initiative this year will be to establish a strategic plan with each department.</p>	

<p>Dr. Arlene Horn, Graduate Dean</p>	<p>Graduate Research comments:</p> <p>RCR training has been reduced from 36 to 12 modules. IRB training will now be required every three years instead of every two years. Another change was made to the IRB process. Submission of proposals begins after the proposal is approved. An outside consultant was engaged to revise the IRB handbook.</p> <p>Reminder to get research ready for Pathways Symposium in Kingsville on November 8th. ORSP Training and Events are listed online.</p>	
<p>and</p>	<p>Graduate Studies comments:</p> <p>Proposal forms are in the process of being converted to an electronic format. We are accepting online GRE scores now. Student recommendations will soon move to this same electronic format.</p>	
<p>Dr. Ricky Dobbs, University College Dean</p>	<p>All state institutions of Higher Education will implement the new Core Curriculum Fall, 2014. Our University core curriculum is 42 hours and has six state mandated skill-oriented core objectives. Fitness and recreation requirements have been eliminated from the new curriculum. Thirty-six core hours are specified and six hours have options depending on the major.</p>	
<p>Communications:</p> <p>Faculty Senate President Linda Openshaw</p>	<p>President Openshaw requested the formation of an Ad Hoc SACS Committee to keep senate updated on events this year. SACS Committee Chair, Derald Harp, will oversee the committee.</p>	

<p>Committee Memberships:</p>	<p>President Openshaw Senate Goals for 2013-2014:</p> <p>Update Faculty handbook</p> <p>Review Promotion and tenure process</p> <p>Faculty/Staff tuition stipend for immediate family members</p> <p>Ensure Professional track fair treatment</p> <p>Clarify faculty evaluations for department heads</p> <p>Faculty salary equity</p> <p>Review senate awards</p> <p>Develop a Marketing Plan</p> <p>A senator is needed to chair the Senate Standing Committees, Academic Life. If interested please contact President Linda Openshaw.</p>	
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