

Meeting: Faculty Senate
 Date: March 5, 2013
 Time: 2:01 p.m.
 Location: BA 290
 Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Newman, Choi, Starnes, Arslan, Nippani, Kuracina, Anderson D, Anderson S, Lamarque, Odom, Ballotti, Faulkenberry, King, Pierce, & Wiecko, Smithers, Harp (President), Openshaw (President-Elect), Hammack & Dang (Secretary).

| Issue/Topic | Summary of Discussion | Decision/Action |
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| Motion to Approve Minutes | Motion to approve February minutes as written. | Moved by John Ballotti. Seconded. Motion passed. |
| <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Communications: Senate President Derald Harp</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p> | <p>Dr. Marila Palmer, VP of IE & Planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Answered questions concerning qualifications for teaching graduate courses. 2. Information presented about Institutional Effectiveness and the substantive change policy. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SACS update by chair Derald Harp. 2. Provost search update with 8 off site interviews and 4 upcoming campus interviews. 3. Promotion stipend proposal being reviewed. 4. Consensual relationship policy currently being rewritten by Deans. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Practices: request to look into IDEA as an evaluation instrument. 2. Admission and Retention: committee report handout of recommendations to improve graduation and retention rates. 3. Faculty Awards: ballots distributed to vote on final slate for university and senate awards. | |

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| | <p>4. Organization of Senate: draft constitution revisions disseminated for review.</p> | |
| <p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>New Business:</p> | <p>Dean's retreat will consider faculty workload policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University Mace to be recast with updated A&M-Commerce name. 2. Faculty Awards ceremony and luncheon April 8, 2013 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. 3. Science Building dedication March 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. 4. Rockwall Center opening April 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. | |