

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES: February 27, 2009

All members present or represented except: Russell Anderson, John Cooley, Mo Cuevas, Kary Friske, Michael Meyers, and Darlene Pulliam.

Representatives for absent members: Edward Truitt for Perry Crafton and Wade Schaffer for Jean Stuntz.

1. Call to Order and Welcome at 12:15
2. Minutes of February 13, 2009 motion to approve, Linda Chenoweth; second, Mark Riney, approved.
3. Comments from Dr. O'Brien
 - a. Budget: Expected to meet with House Appropriations Committee and Chancellors in Austin within the next week.
 - b. Submitted request of 11 million dollars from Stimulus Package for energy conservation building.
 - c. Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award: Information will be available via Internet beginning next week. James Webb (IT) added to please print out the application once it is completed by the faculty member.
 - d. Centennial Celebration:
 - i. March 31: Proclamations to be read in Austin for the founding of WT. Various receptions will be held in Austin. Co-sponsored by AT&T, Chancellor, and President's Circle from WTAMU. President's update in March will contain more information about this celebration.
 - ii. Centennial speaker in March or April 2010 will be Mike Huckabee.
4. Comments from Dr. Hallmark
 - a. Discussed Proposal for Fixed-Term Faculty:
 - i. Titles, credentials, and ranks will commensurate with the individual's responsibility.
 - ii. Kept the Senior Associate rankings.
 - iii. Discussed various changes in wording, rankings, etc.
 - b. Senate members to review draft and changes. Discussion and voting will occur further at next meeting.
 - c. April 14th, Andy will be here for the Fulbright Scholar program. This is open for those interested in pursuing a Fulbright.
 - d. April (TBA) Faculty Development on enhancement of critical thinking in the classroom.
 - e. March 13, 2009: Teaching Excellence Award
 - f. March 12, 2009: Faculty Development Leave applications are due.
5. Q&A with James Webb re IT, Website, Distance Learning Fee, and.....
 - a. Guest wireless service is functioning therefore you can use your username and password with a laptop. If you have a guest, you need to obtain a temporary username and password from the IT service center. IT needs to tie the guest login to a university identification.

- i. Can not access U drive on guest wireless portal except through VPN at vpn.wtamu.edu. Contact IT for a VPN password if you do not have access yet.
- b. Upgrade from Angel 7.2 to 7.3 will happen at the end of the Spring semester. Please go to a training class or go to angel.wtamu.edu and review upgrades. There is a small window of time for the upgrade (between Spring end and Summer beginning). Angel 7.3 is more stable and with less problems than our current version.
- c. IT is in the process of finalizing a UPS to hold electrical power for 30 minutes should power be lost. The UPS will keep the computer system from being shut down if power is lost and can be used until the generator is powered on.
- d. Distance learning fee: More students enrolled in face-face classes utilize WT class but they do not pay distance education fees as students enrolled in web-based classes. The current Distance Education fee is \$40.00/credit hour and Technology fee is \$10.00/credit hour.
 - i. Income: (for IT)
 - 1. 32.21%: University Assessments
 - 2. 13.78%: Service fees (M&O budgets)
 - 3. 28.47%: Technology fees help pay for Smart Classrooms.
 - 4. 25.54%: Distance education fees.
 - ii. Expenses: (for IT, not a full list). James offered an explanation of what the fee money generated helps pay with a partial listing of major expenses.
 - 1. Cisco support: \$145,000.00/year
 - 2. New UPS and generator \$355,000.00 to keep power up and going.
 - 3. Add Internet connection in Amarillo for the infrastructure of backup for Internet: \$50,000.00/year.
 - 4. Adding new materials for the new and current Smart Classrooms. This will include the added support team needed as well.
 - iii. James Webb suggested a better definition of hybrid courses vs. online courses. This will help to define fees better. Dr. Hallmark interjected with the true definitions by WTAMU standards as well.
 - 1. A&M system has guidelines for distance education fee vs. technology fee.
 - a. Not appropriate to pay for faculty salaries and/or GA salaries out of the technology fees.
 - 2. WT class has become more than a classroom container as it is now being designed to be a student portal.
 - 3. University Webpage design is now a part of Marketing and Communications. Personal webpage is still under IT.
 - 4. Leigh Browning related to Mr. Webb the new ruling about student organizations: "Every chartered student organization on campus must make and update a website

through CORE office. If not, the student charter is removed.” Dr. Hallmark and Mr. Webb will try to get us more information as this is something new.

5. Student email account changes are March 1, 2009.
 6. When you have a work order placed and then finished, you will receive a survey about the work order. Please fill out as the survey as it is a process for evaluation within IT.
 7. Classroom center will open up 46 more Smart Classrooms. A survey will be administered so that IT knows what is needed and what is not necessary.
 8. Mr. Webb offered to provide Faculty and Staff a tour of the data center.
6. Old Business
- a. Service Learning activities for the Faculty Handbook: proposed statement form from committee for discussion and adoption
 - i. Information provided by Keith Price
 - ii. Motion to transmit to Faculty Handbook Committee the new revisions. Mark Riney, motion and Marietta Branson, second. Discussion transpired. Motion Approved with the removal of the word “ assignment” and place only alternative in final point.
7. New Business:
- a. Senate budget: Will be provided by Dr. Hallmark’s office.
 - b. Regents Professor Award: Nominations due March 13, 2009.
 - c. Optimus Magister Award: Nominations due April 3, 2009.
8. Other Business/Future considerations/Announcements
- a. Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting March 6: Dr. Hansen will be attending.
9. Adjourn: Keith Price moved to adjourn, Linda Chenoworth second; approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.