

Faculty Senate Minutes for April 23, 2010
JBK Room 11, 12:15 pm

1. Meeting called to order by President Stuntz at 12:15p.m. Members in attendance were: Ambrose, Bigham, Branson, Byrd, Castillo, Chenoweth, Commissiong, Crafton, Davis, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Friske, Issa, Landram, Lee, Parr-Scanlin, Rosa, Stuntz, and Trela; and ex-officio member Hansen. Substitutes were: Spencer for Browning and Bartlett for Parker. Members absent: Wilson.
2. Following a motion by Davis and second by Dursun-Kilic, the minutes from April 9, 2010 were approved as submitted.
3. Comments from Dr. O'Brien
 - a. Nothing pressing, updates. Board of Regents meeting May 27-28, WT's major items are recommended tuition and fees for next year. Request for new residence hall to house 340. Approval for new dean for Nursing and Health Sciences, name recognition, 2 COB classrooms named for donors, and approval for new sculpture in front of ANS which was donated by an alum of Geology program.
 - b. This year will have budget hearings in preparation for next year, May 12-14. Each VP is to identify 1) imperatives for next years, 2) desired items for next year, and 3) identified budget cuts. In addition to reductions from state, need to fix some historical gaps in budget areas. Open to attend as observers, not open to general discussion.
 - c. Construction plans for the summer: residence hall, renovation of old Ag building to begin in June, phase 4 of ANS renovation after commencement, phase 4 of activities center is already in progress. Hope to begin renovations on MMNH. Parking lot going in where old FA was. Ongoing renovations at old Palo Duro Hospital. Hope to renovate stairs at Old Main right after commencement.
 - d. Board driven issues that might arise in the next year projected to include: post-tenure review, faculty workloads and productivity. Many of the issues are College Station driven, but regional universities get involved in the discussion.
 - e. Q and A. Q: With a "very thorough" 5 year post-tenure review, what is tenure? A. Not a property right, but an expectation of continued employment. From an institutional standpoint, stability and ability to attract quality employees are benefits. Strengthens academic freedom.
 - f. Thanks to Senate for hard work, and a very productive year.
4. Comments from Dr. Hallmark
 - a. Reminder that next Friday is Spring Faculty meeting. Recognize faculty award winners in teaching, service, and research. ANS 101 at 4 p.m.
 - b. Coordinating Board meeting next week in Austin. Nothing on agenda at this time.
 - c. Forwarded email to faculty on Monday regarding textbook adoptions. Buyback at Bookstore starts soon, so wherever possible make sure adoption information is sent to Bookstore. Significant difference to student in buyback price. Suggestion from Landram: where appropriate use the next to the last edition, for significant

savings. Profit from bookstore goes to auxiliary fund, which is used to benefit WTAMU.

- d. Q: going back to 3/26/10 meeting, how has “outstanding” been redefined. Committee recommended taking out the phrase “only a few will achieve”.
5. Reports from Committees
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Development and Student Learning – no report.
 - ii. Budget and Faculty Governance – no report.
 - iii. Assessment, Advising, Conduct, and Curriculum – no report.
 - iv. Commencement Speaker Committee – have an offer out for August, still looking for someone for December. Committee at last meeting expressed a desire to remain intact, with the exception of Student Representative, and potentially DeOtte. Wanted Leigh Browning as Chair. Senate unanimously approved these committee recommendations.
 - v. Advisory Council for External Funding – waiting on Dr. Spaulding’s return
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Regents Professor Nominations Committee – recommend that two nominees be forwarded to Dr. O’Brien. Unanimously approved by Senate.
 6. Old Business
 - a. New Name for Award Winners Celebration – send suggestions to Communication and Marketing Services.
 - b. Nominations for officers for 2010-2011. Nominees for President currently are Byrd and DeOtte. For Vice-President: Bigham, Browning, Byrd, Friske and Trela. For Secretary: Chenoweth. Nominees are requested to email a statement to Senators of why they think they should be elected.
 7. New Business
 - a. Elections for Senators are to be held by Departments/Colleges, with a representative from Senate observing. Elections for University Committee and Faculty Senate officers will be held on Dead Day, when both old and new Senators are present. Please send Departmental and College nominations to Jean before the meeting.
 8. Announcements
 - a. Library Update – come see the plastic people. Library will be open 1 hour additional each day beginning Dead Day.
 - b. Faculty Senate Medallions – will get to them when he can.
 - c. Post-Tenure Review from the Regents – regents don’t like the idea of 3-4 years for an underperforming individual to get back to acceptable standards, think improvement should be faster.
 - d. Faculty Handbook – should be ready for printing this summer.

- e. For Optimus Magister – each department is requested to bring 1 name to next meeting. Should be individual who is outstanding in all 3 aspects of faculty performance.

9. Adjournment at 1:22pm following motion by Byrd.

These Minutes have been approved.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Chenoweth, Secretary.