

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Faculty Senate Minutes

December 6, 2011

Present: Michelle Garcia, Mike Daniel, Jean Escudero, Nestor Sherman, Aden Ahmed, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Angel Ball, Santa Barraza, Rajab Challoo, Mark Cortez, Horacio Duarte, Don Fisher, Norma Guzman, Alice Hempel, Darin Hoskisson, Don Jones, Kim Jones, Melody Knight, Steven Lukefahr, Tanner Machado, Alvaro Martinez, Gerri Maxwell, Leonel Medellin, Michael Muzheve, Jim Norwine, Greg Sanders, Greta Schuster, Harmeet Singh, Eric Swartz, Roger Tuller, Roberto Vela Cordova, Amit Verma, Priti Verma, Zak Watson

- I. Meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Michelle Garcia at 3:30 pm.
- II. Minutes of November 1, 2011 were unanimously accepted with amendments to reflect attendance.
- III. Presentations:
 - Provost Gandy: Presented and explained the FY12 funding cuts from academic affairs and answered questions regarding these numbers.
- IV. Old Business: Summer Salaries: ranking the last 3 proposals (#5, #6, and #7).
- V. New Business:
 - a. Summer Faculty Compensation Models: The three models regarding the faculty summer compensation cuts were voted upon by secret ballot. The votes were tallied regarding number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place votes. Models #6 and #7 were very close with model #5 receiving far fewer results. Therefore, there was a run-off between models #6 and #7 with #7 receiving more votes. The result was that the faculty senate ranked the models 7, 6 and 5 in order of most acceptable to least.
 - b. Maria Ayala-Schueneman brought 2 resolutions to change the Faculty Constitution. Resolution 1 was voted on and passed resulting in the change of Article 2, section 9 from "A quorum shall consist of 3/5 of the Senators, rounding fractions to the nearest whole number" to "A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Senators (excluding open seats and ex-officio members), rounding fraction to the nearest whole number." The previous standard was a higher standard than maintained by most organizations and it was prohibiting the Senate from holding meetings. Additionally, the previous wording was unclear as to how unfilled seats were counted. Resolution 2 was voted on and passed resulting in a change of Article 2, section 10.b "There shall be a quorum call before each vote on any Resolution and on Amendments to the Constitution or By-laws" be stricken from the Constitution. The change is due to TAMUK's Senate having quorum call before each meeting which is not typical of most organizations. Additionally, because any member of the Senate may call for a quorum at any time, this section was unnecessary.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.