

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Faculty Senate Minutes
May 7, 2013

Present: Aden Ahmed, Bart Ballard, Ed Butterworth, Rajab Challoo, Jon Cicala, David Cutton, Oscar Diaz, Don Fisher, Tim Fulbright, Jeff Glick, James Glusing, Norma Guzman, Alvaro Martinez, Geri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Selahattin Ozcelik, Victoria Packard, Ali Pilehvari, Patricia Polastri, Hans Schumann, Greta Schuster, Brian Shelton, Dazhi Sun, Eric Swartz, Jacki Thomas, Colin Wark, Zak Watson, Kenneth Williams, Randall Williams

Absent: Apurba Ahattacharya (1), Farzad Deyhim (1), Dean Ferguson (3), Karen Furgerson (1), Nirmal Goswami (1), Randy Powell (1), Greta Schuster (1), Manuel Soto (1), Eric Swartz (1), George Vargas (1), Amit Verma (1), Rongdong Wang (1)

- I. Call to order
 - a. Quorum Call
Quorum Present
- II. Approval of minutes, April meeting—Senator Thomas moved to approve. Senator Cutton seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Presentations
 - a. Provost Gandy
 - 1. Congratulations to Randall Williams for winning the Piper award.
 - 2. Dr. Natalya (Natasha) Delcoure has been named acting dean of the College of Business Administration, effective July 1. It is anticipated that the Board of Regents will name her dean in their August session.
 - 3. The Board of Regents approved all bids for tenure from Texas A&M-Kingsville. They also gave preliminary approval to two centers applied for by the College of Engineering. Full approval is anticipated in August.
 - 4. The Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership has applied to be split from its current joint arrangement with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. THECB may rule on the request in July.
 - 5. The Department of Biological and Health Sciences will split, yielding one department of Biological Sciences and another of Clinical Health Sciences. The latter will house our CSDO and Social Work programs. The Departments of Management and Marketing and Information Systems will be combined into one department due to their small size.
 - 6. A draft report on sustainability has been prepared and is available [here](#). Your feedback is requested.
 - b. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Gardiner
 - 1. Core Curriculum: The new core curriculum has been submitted to the Board of Regents. It will go to the THECB in the fall, and is anticipated to go into effect in Fall of 2014. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this initiative. [See attached.](#)

2. Intellectual Property: The system has ordered its universities to come up with intellectual property policies. A draft policy 17.02.02.K1.01 was distributed to the senate and feedback solicited. [See attached.](#)
3. Measures of Student Achievements: Draft measures were distributed for SACS assessment. Feedback solicited. [See attached.](#)
4. Career Ladder for Lecturers: A draft policy was circulated. The intention is to submit this to the Chancellor in time for fall 2013 implication. Feedback solicited. [See attached.](#)
- c. Registrar's office Millie Slaughter on grades of "Q" after mid-semester point: A proposed revision to the student handbook to clarify the policy was circulated. Discussion ensued. The proposal has already been presented to the dean's council. Feedback solicited. [See attached.](#)
- d. Associate Vice President for Student Success KingSanders on the On Time Graduation Pledge Contract: The pledge, which AVP KingSanders described as an advertisement for tuition rebates already in place under Texas law, was distributed, along with the relevant law and a letter concerning double majors and on time graduation. Feedback solicited. [See attached.](#)

IV. Report of Officers

- a. Senate President Rajab Challoo
 1. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting dates for 2013-2014 were announced. [See attached.](#)
 2. The Faculty Senate meetings for 2013-2014 were announced. [See attached.](#)
 3. The Faculty Senate web-site is being redesigned. Please email photos of senators to be used on the webpage to zak.watson.tamukfs@picasaweb.com
 4. The Faculty Senate Account has an operating budget of \$1,076 and \$758 for travel. President Challoo has requested \$500 contribution from each college dean, Graduate Studies, the Provost, and the President. From these funds, professional desk wedges will be purchased for senators.
 5. President Challoo will meet with President Tallant and Provost Gandy weekly and keep the Faculty Senate posted.

V. Old Business

- a. Newly Elected Senators: James Glusing and Brian Shelton were elected as at-large senators from the colleges of Engineering and Arts and Sciences, respectively. The College of Business Administration still needs to elect two senators.

VI. New Business

Senate Committee Elections

- a. Committee on Committees will consist of Randall Williams, Jacki Thomas, Jack Shorter, Barbara Oates, Lisa McNair, David Cutton, Dazhi Sun, and Victoria Packard, elected by ballot.
- b. Election Committee will consist of Greta Schuster, Brian Shelton, John Cicala, Norma Guzmán, and Amit Verma, elected by secret ballot.
- c. The Resolution and By-Laws Committee will consist of Tim Fulbright, Nirmal Goswami, Hans Schumann, Karen Furgerson, Ali Pilehvari, and Victoria Packard, elected by secret ballot.

VII. Announcements
None

VIII. Adjournment 4:56 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Minutes Recorded by: Zak Watson