

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 4, 2014

Present: Aden Ahmed, Bart Ballard, Apurba Bhattacharya, Rajab Chaloo, David Cutton, Oscar Diaz, Farzad Deyhim, Karen Furgerson, Jeff Glick, James Glusing, Nirmal Goswami, Norma Guzman, Lorraine Killion, Alvaro Martinez, Geri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Selahattin Ozcelik, , Victoria Packard, , Randy Powell, Hans Schumann, Greta Schuster, Dazhi Sun, Jacki Thomas, George Vargas, Amit Verma, Rongdong Wang, Colin Wark, Zak Watson, Randall Williams

Absent: Edward Butterworth (1), John Cicala (3), Don Fisher (3), Tim Fulbright (3), Kendra Huff (1), Ali Pilehvari (1), Patricia Polastri (2), Manuel Soto (5), Kenneth Williams (1)

- I. Call to order 3:31
 - a. Quorum call
Quorum Present
- II. Approval of minutes, February Meeting. Motion: Senator Thomas. Second: Senator Thomas. Approved by voice vote.
- III. Presentations
 - a. PROVOST Rex Gandy
 - i. With the SACS ten-year reaffirmation procedure, this has been a busy year, and the President, Provost, and the leadership team appreciate the Faculty Senate's effort under the leadership of President Chaloo. This has certainly been the most active Senate year since my arrival to TAMUK.
 - ii. THECB has returned our proposed undergraduate core with some changes, particularly in Creative Arts and the Component Option area. The new core was largely approved, so it should stand for the next ten years, needed tweaks notwithstanding.
 - iii. Enrollment is up 12% and SCHs are up 8%. Spring 2014 enrollment may set a record for spring enrollments at this institution.
 - b. ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT Duane Gardiner
 - i. Continuation Procedures and Tenure section proposed for the Faculty Handbook: Senator Williams moved that the proposed changes be accepted; Senator Verma seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.
 - ii. Senate Standing Committees and University Committees: Pages of the handbook of committees with changes were distributed.
 1. Following discussion, Senator Schumann suggested a revised version of option 2 on page 20 to read "one additional faculty member for each academic college appointed by the President of the Faculty Senate after consultation with the appropriate Dean." Senator Williams moved that the revised option 2 on page 20 be adopted; Senator Verma seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with one abstaining and one opposed.

2. Regarding options on page 30, Senator Williams moved to adopt option 1 and Senator Schumann seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote
3. On the handbook as a whole, Senator Thomas moved for approval and Senator Williams seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

IV. Report of Officers

- a. Senate President Rajab Chaloo
 - i. Meetings with President Tallant and Provost Gandy: February meetings addressed ad hoc committees and the Committee Handbook, which will soon include functions of the various committees.
 - ii. Guaranteed tuition plan: Senior Vice President Riley's guaranteed tuition plan, with accepted changes, was distributed in a series of emails.
- b. Senate Vice President George Vargas
 - i. Parking: Vice President Vargas has been trying to get a meeting with Senior Vice President Riley.

V. Old Business

- a. Ad-hoc Committee—Adjunct Faculty/Lecturer Classroom Evaluation form—Senator Vargas: Senator Vargas is chairing this committee, whose charge is to improve the said form. The committee will report at the April Faculty Senate meeting, and is to finalize its work this year.
- b. Ad-hoc Committee on Post Tenure Review: Senator Thomas presented the committee's report and Concept Paper on Post-Tenure Review. Senator Vargas moved to include the Concept Paper in the Faculty Handbook section on Post-Tenure Review. Senator Goswami seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

VI. New Business

- a. Senate Election Committee: Elections are under way.

VII. Announcements

- a. Honorary degree nominations are sought.

VIII. Adjournment: Senator Goswami moved to adjourn at 4:29. Senator Verma seconded the motion, which met with vocal approbation before the minute lapsed.