

**Texas A&M University-Kingsville**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**November 5, 2013**

Present: Aden Ahmed, , Ed Butterworth, Rajab Challoo, David Cutton, Oscar Diaz, Don Fisher, Tim Fulbright, Jeff Glick, James Glusing, Nirmal Goswami, Lorraine Killion, Alvaro Martinez, Geri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Selahattin Ozcelik, Victoria Packard, Patricia Polastri, Randy Powell, Hans Schumann, Dazhi Sun, Jacki Thomas, George Vargas, Amit Verma, Colin Wark, Zak Watson, Kenneth Williams, Randall Williams

Absent: Bart Ballard (1), Apurba Bhattacharya (3), Jon Cicala (1), Farzad Deyhim (1), Karen Furgerson (1), Dean Ferguson (5), Norma Guzman (1), Ali Pilehvari (1), Greta Schuster (3), Manuel Soto (3), Eric Swartz (3), Rongdong Wang (3)

1. Call to order 3:32 PM
  - a. Quorum Call  
Quorum present
2. Approval of minutes, October meeting-- Senator Martinez moved to approve. Senator Thomas seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
3. Presentations
  - a. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Duane Gardiner
    - i. Administrator Exemption from post tenure review: Still undecided. If the Senate has input, the administration would like to hear it.
    - ii. QEP proposal: Approval for [the proposal](#) was requested.
    - iii. SACS and B.A.A.S.: [the AVP circulated a proposed procedure](#). The ensuing discussion amended the document to assure that the admissions officer could not overrule the decision of the department chair.
    - iv. Definition of a credit hour: [SACS required - proposal](#).
    - v. Core Curriculum: New degree plans need to be submitted right away. Senator Ahmed moved that the Senate approve the core curriculum. Senator Vargas seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.
  - b. Associate Vice President for Student Success Nancy KingSanders
    - i. In her stead, Dr. Gardiner presented the [Time to Degree Task Force Report](#).
  - c. Executive Director of Planning and Assessment Oscar Hernández
    - i. The Executive Director circulated the [SACS mission statement survey](#).
  - d. Associate Vice President for Research Mohamed Abdelrahman
    - i. The Associate Vice President distributed [proposed changes to MS thesis options](#). In the ensuing discussion it was clarified that these changes should also apply to MA degrees.
  - e. Dean of the College of Education and Human Performance Alberto Ruiz
    - i. NCTQ and the low rating of TAMU-K: The report is available from Dr. Ruiz.
4. Report of officers
  - a. Senate President Rajab Challoo

- i. Meetings with President Tallant, Provost Gandy, and AVP Gardiner: Concerns from Senators regarding some documents that should originate with the senate are originating in other places were communicated to the administration. Procedures will be followed. Senators are encouraged to call attention to matters of uncertain origin.
    - ii. Post tenure review and annual reports: Senators Thomas and R. Williams and Senate President Chaloo met with AVP Gardiner to see if extended annual review procedures meet state requirements form post tenure review. Provost Gandy is checking with the system.
    - iii. Summer and intersession pay for low-enrolled classes: [See the policy](#). In discussion, the need for a policy on low-enrolled study abroad courses was expressed; AVP Gardiner agreed.
    - iv. [Faculty Senate Standing Committees](#) and Handbook: There is some overlap with committees that originate in the Provost's office. Faculty Senate President Chaloo is working with the Provost's office to sort out the redundancies.
  - b. Senate Vice President George Vargas
    - i. Concur E-Travel: After considerable discussion, Senator Goswami moved that the university re-examine the efficiency of Concur and investigate other options. Senator Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote, one vote short of unanimity.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Faculty Lecture Committee: [the Committee has recommended](#) Dr. Michelle Garcia as this year's faculty lecturer. Senator Thomas moved to accept the recommendation and Senator R. Williams seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.
  - b. Lecturer Promotion Procedure: [changes to the policy](#) are reflected in section 2.4, to include the Chancellor in the process. In discussion some ambiguity in the definition of Lecturers was detected. AVP Gardiner will clarify and re-present the changes at a later date.
  - c. [Statement on Faculty Role in Governance for the Faculty Handbook](#) approved by voice vote.
6. Motion to postpone the rest of the agenda until next month's meeting was made by Senator Glick. Senator Ahmed seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.
7. Adjournment 5:00 PM