

**Texas A&M University-Kingsville**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**October 1, 2013**

Present: Bart Ballard, Ed Butterworth, Rajab Chaloo, Jon Cicala, David Cutton, Farzad Deyhim, Oscar Diaz, Don Fisher, Karen Furgerson, Jeff Glick, James Glusing, Nirmal Goswami, Norma Guzman, Lorraine Killion, Alvaro Martinez, Geri Maxwell, Selahattin Ozcelik, Victoria Packard, Patricia Polastri, Randy Powell, Hans Schumann, Eric Swartz, Jacki Thomas, George Vargas, Amit Verma, Colin Wark, Zak Watson, Kenneth Williams, Randall Williams

Absent: Aden Ahmed (1), Apurba Bhattacharya (2), Dean Ferguson (4), Tim Fulbright (1), Lisa McNair (1), Ali Pilehvari (1), Greta Schuster (2), Manuel Soto (2), Eric Swartz (2), Dazhi Sun (1), Rongdong Wang (2)

1. Call to order
  - a. Quorum Call  
Quorum present
2. Approval of minutes, May meeting-- Senator Thomas moved to approve. Senator Fisher seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.
3. Presentations
  - a. Provost Rex Gandy
    - i. Welcome back and thanks for serving. Enrollment is up 7-8%. SCH are up 6-7%. Excellent growth led to this campus having the greatest percentage funding increase of any public university in Texas in this year's budget.
    - ii. Lecturer and Professor of Practice promotion procedure: System policy on promotions is changing: the system wants to approve Lecturer and Professor of Practice promotions because they are faculty. [See the policy here](#) and give feedback to Senate President Chaloo.
    - iii. Administrator exemption from post tenure review: A clarification to the faculty handbook needs to be considered because it is unclear how faculty serving in administrative capacities are governed by the post tenure review rules. The question now is where should the exemption line be drawn: between chair and associate dean or between associate dean and dean. See the handbook policy and give feedback to Senate President Chaloo.
    - iv. Promotion to Full Professor-Outside Letters: The system is promoting the idea that promotion should involve some outside evaluation. Currently system campuses engage in a variety of practices. The Provost asked for input for a decision to be made in the Spring.
    - v. Continuation and tenure procedures: Different colleges have been doing it different ways, and we need uniformity. [The provost circulated a proposed change](#) to the faculty handbook and asked that faculty review it over the next couple of months and to send feedback to Senate President Chaloo.
  - b. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Duane Gardiner

- i. The ad hoc Core Curriculum Committee has determined that the inclusion of UNIV 1101 and 1102 in the new core curriculum would have a pernicious effect on all other courses in section B of the Component Area Option. The University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has approved the core without UNIV 1101 and 1102. [Dr. Gardiner presented the curriculum](#) to the Faculty Senate for consideration, adding that the final core needs to be sent to the system by November.
          - ii. Another proposed change to the faculty handbook: SACS requires that the university state precisely where faculty are involved in university governance. [See the proposed draft](#) and give feedback to Senate President Challoo.
          - iii. Measures of Student Achievement: Senator Verma moved to approve the Measures of Student Achievement presented to the senate in the May meeting. Senator Vargas seconded the movement. No discussion followed, and the motion was approved by voice vote with two abstentions (Senators Thomas and Fisher).
          - iv. THECB on the splitting of the TAMUK-TAMUCC joint Ed.D program in Educational Leadership: THECB approved the split, but TAMUCC is asking that the split be put off until they can bring their program back to full health.
        - c. iTech representatives: Robert Paulson and Michelle Duran presented faculty resources. [See their handout here](#). Discussion ensued.
        - d. SGA Vice President Brittany Ambriz-SRI survey results: SGA did not survey students about making the comments on SRIs available to chairs and deans. During the ensuing discussion, Dean Compary asked if the Faculty Senate Committee on SRIs would provide her the minutes of their April 2, 2012 meeting. Senators Fisher and Guzman agreed to provide those minutes.
        - e. Dr. Alberto Ruiz: was not present
        - f. Ms. Dynyel Miller was represented by Mr. James Remelius: The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Javelina Research Symposium is coming up October 16, with presentations from 11:30 to 1:00. Pathways, a day-long event, will be held on our campus November 8. For more information about student participation or to volunteer to be a judge, contact Mr. Remelius. [See the flyer here](#).
4. Report of officers
  - a. Senate President Rajab Challoo: Please make sure you have cleared your calendars for [this list of dates](#). Also, verify [your information as it appears on the Faculty Senate webpage](#), and don't forget to email photos of senators to be used on the webpage to [zak.watson.tamukfs@picasaweb.com](mailto:zak.watson.tamukfs@picasaweb.com).
  - b. Senate Vice President George Vargas
    - i. TAMUS Council of Faculty Senates: See Senator Vargas's report here.
    - ii. Concur E-Travel: Because their leaders have misrepresented their educational backgrounds, because they provide poor customer service, and because they lost an anti-monopoly suit, Senator Vargas is asking the senate to investigate this company and its alternatives for later Senate consideration.

- iii. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting of 24 September 2013: The Executive Committee moved to recommend the Office of Compliance consider the matters raised by Senator Verma about the Dean of Engineering, the former Chair of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and one faculty member in the same department.
5. Motion: Senator Fisher made a motion to table the rest of the agenda. Senator Cicala seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.
6. Adjournment 4:57 PM