

Texas A&M University Kingsville

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 4, 2014

Present: Aden Ahmed, Bart Ballard, Apurba Bhattacharya, Rajat Chaloo, David Cutton, Oscar Diaz Farzad Deyhim, Karen Furgerson, Cliff, James Glusing, Nirmal Goswami, Norma Guzman, Lorraine Killion, Alvaro Martinez, Geri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Selahattin Ozelik, Victoria Packard, Randy Powell, Hans Schuman, Greta Schuster, Dazhi Sun, Jacki Thomas, George Vargas, Anit 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)

. Quorum call

Quorum Present

Approval of minutes, February Meeting. Motion: Senator Thomas. Second: Senator Thomas.

Approved by voice vote.

Presentations

. 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 0.815|30.6(6Om5r.6-1.402 Td [(5(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 Challoo
 - 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 for Senate: 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

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