

### Newly Elected Senators:

Present: Yahia Asmadi, Bart Ballard, Jon Baskin, Rajab Chaloo, April Conkey, Christine Fiestas, Armando Ibanez, Melody Knight, Eliezer Louzaffar, Richard Miller, David Ramirez, Kathleen Rees, Ryan Rhoades, and Nuri Yilmazer,  
Absent: Fidel Hernandez, Don Jones, Brooke Mascagni, Pamela Wright, Hueyzen Wu,

#### I. Call to Order

##### a. Quorum Call 3:37 pm

Quorum Present

#### II. Approval of Minutes, March Meeting

- a. Senator Kendra Huff moved to approve the minutes. Senator Ruth Chaffin seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

#### III. Presentations

##### a. Dr. Rex Gandy, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

- i. Provost Gandy shared good news about funding: (a) TAMUK will receive funding because it has made the highest growth rate in Texas (34%). (b) TAMUK will receive cash instead of bonds to renovate the Bellamah Music Building. (c) TAMUK benefits from the Higher Education Funds. Every year TAMUK receives \$5 million.
- ii. TAMUK will have a new strategic plan in the next few months. Dr. Duane Gardiner is chairing the committee. There are 35 members including faculty, staff, and students.

iii. PricewaterhouseCooper Report

v. There may be a vote on the SRI Recommendations in the May 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting.

b. Amendments to Faculty Handbook

- i. Senator Kendra Huff moved to amend the Handbook to include the exclusion of assistant vice president and up to receive extra compensation for extra compensation for extra assignments such as teaching, etc.
- ii. Senator James Glusing seconded.
- iii. The motion was approved by voice vote.

VI. New Business

a. Transition of newly elected senators

b. There were no nominations for the next year.