

Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Present Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, Bart Ballard, Valerie Bartelt, Daniel Burt, Ruth ChatelainJordon, Farzad Deyhim, Stan Hodges, Kendra Huff, Elizabeth Janzen, Lorraine Killion, Kuo-Jen Liao, Todd Lucas, Gerardo Lopez, Joseph Nair, Joseph Sai, Ma-10(L)21(-)h ( ( TJ ( )Tj

Remark: Senators Cathy Downs and Emily Ralph resigned.

I. Call to Order

- a. Quorum Call 3:50 pm  
Quorum Present

II. Approval of Minutes, December Meeting

- a. Senator Joseph Sai moved to approve the minutes Senator Stan Hodges seconded The motion was approved by voice vote.

III. Presentations

- a. Dr. Duane Gardiner, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - i. Dr. Gardiner thanked the senators for making the Faculty Senate very productive.
  - ii. The Ph.D. in Engineering has been approved financially speaking it is good for TAMUK because of the formula of funding.
  - iii. SRI – 80% of the students completed the SRI before the final exams. 20% of the students completed the SRI during or after their exams. The SRI Review Committee has been working on the survey questions and report will be completed very soon.
  - iv. Faculty Leave Request – TAMUK will require a Faculty Leave Request be submitted at least one week prior to the leave for such cases so that the responsibility for meeting classes can be transferred to an appropriate faculty replacement. If the Senate approves the Faculty Leave Request, it will be

- vi. General Education Curriculum An ad hoc review committee has been formed to review the general education curriculum. Senator Todd Lucas gave an update. He stated that two additional courses had been added to the core. Dr. Gardiner will send an email to the Senate regarding the updates.
- vii. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWHC) Report – TAMUK has been waiting for the report, which was supposed to be due 6 weeks ago.

#### IV. Report of Officers

- a. President Vargas said that when he met with President Tallant and Provost Gandy, they discussed about the SRI, SACS reports, and PWHC report
- b. Astra schedules there are requests which cannot be accommodated. Provost Gandy will look into the issues.
- c. Staff teaching part time -

from the College of Business Administration, and LaVonne Fedynich from the College of Education and Human Performance

b. Election

i. Senator Lorraine Killion is in-