

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Present: Ian Aebel, Ambrose Anoruo, Jody Briones, Edward Butterworth, John Chisholm, Farzad Deyhim, Oscar Diaz, M. Catherine (Cathy) Downs, James Glusing, Elizabeth Janzen, Lorraine Killion, Rajan Lamichhane, Todd Lucas, Gerri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Patricia Polatri, Emily Ralph, Joseph Sai, Maria de Jesus Ayala-Schueneman, Nestor Sherman, Jacki Thomas, George Vargas, Fulden Wissinger, & Monica Wong-Ratcliff

Absent: Polly Allred (2), Bart Ballard (1), Valerie Bartelt (1), Apurba (Apu) Bhattacharya (2), Daniel Burt (1), Ruth Chatelain-Jardon (1), Yousri Elkassabgi (1), Tim Fulbright (3), Stan Hodges (1), Kendra Huff (1), Kuo-Jen Liao (2), Brenda Melendy (2), Randy Powell (2), Nestor Rodriguez (3), Amit Verma (1), Rongdong Wang (1)

I. Call to Order: 3:33 pm

- a. Quorum Call – Quorum Present

II. Approval of Minutes, October 7, 2014. Motion: Senator Cathy Downs. Second: Senator John Chisholm. Approved by voice vote.

III. Presentations

- a. Dr. Rex Gandy, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - i. Provost Gandy's presentation was not scheduled on the agenda.
 - ii. President Tallant made the announcement of a 4% merit pay raise effective January 1, 2015.
 - iii. TAMUK was the second university in Texas that had the highest growth in enrollment. We would have another raise in September 2015.
 - iv. Because of the increase in enrollment, President Tallant had approved to hire 12 new faculty members.
 - v. As for the SRI, a committee was formed to review the instrument. Written comments were separate from the instrument.
 - vi. Provost Gandy proposed that effective Spring 2015, all department chairs and personnel evaluating the faculty member in regard to continuation and Tenure & Promotion (T&P) recommendations will see the SRI comments.
 - vii. How were the comments used? We looked at the numbers and read the comments. Then, we could see the whole package for evaluation.

VI. New Business

- a. Honorary Degree Nomination: Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos
 - i. The Honorary Awards Committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas McGehee, asked the Senate to approve the nomination
 - ii. Motion: Senator John Chisolm moved to approve the nomination. Second: Edward Butterworth