

**Texas A&M University-Kingsville**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

**Present:** Ian Aebel, Bart Ballard, Valerie Bartelt, Daniel Burt, Edward J. Butterworth, Ruth Chatelain-Jardon, Farzad Deyhim, Oscar Diaz, M. Catherine (Cathy) Downs, James Glusing, Stan Hodges, Kendra Huff, Elizabeth Janzen, Lorraine Killion, Kuo-Jen Liao, Todd Lucas, Gerri Maxwell, Lisa McNair, Patricia Polatri, Emily Ralph, Joseph Sai, Nestor Sherman, George Vargas, Amit Verma, Rongdong Wang, Fulden Wissinger, & Monica Wong-Ratcliff

**Absent:** Polly Allred (1), Ambrose Anoruo (1), Apurba (Apu) Bhattacharya (1), John Chisholm (1), Tim Fulbright (1), Deena L. Garza (1), Nirmal Goswami (1), Brenda Melendy (1), Selahattin Ozcelik (1), Randy Powell (1), Nestor Rodriguez (1), & Jacki Thomas (1)

**1. Call to Order - 3:38**

a. Quorum Call - Quorum Present

**2. Approval of Minutes**, May 6 Meeting. Motion: Senator Cathy Downs. Second: Senator Emily Ralph. Approved by voice vote.

**3. Presentations**

**a. Dr. Rex Gandy, Provost**

- i. Strategic Planning Process 2015: The process would start this fall. Provost Gandy would visit every department. President Tallant would present the plan to the Board of Regents.
- ii. College of Arts & Sciences: The Dean had left. However, there was a hiring freeze for administrative positions. There would be a re-organization of the college this fall.
- iii. Organizational study by PricewaterhouseCooper: Next week Texas A&M University System would announce the organizational study of all system universities conducted by PricewaterhouseCooper. In two weeks, President Tallant would receive the report. The purpose of the study was to identify administrative costs that could be moved to academic mission (such as research).
- iv. Enrollment: As of September 2, 2014, enrollment reached an all time high. We had about 8,500 students. The number of graduate students grew a lot.
- v. Student Comments in Student Rating of Instruction: Currently, the student comments went only to the faculty, not administrators. Provost Gandy thought that should not be the case. He had worked in different universities and the administrators could read the comments; but not in TAMUK. He and President Tallant were interested in hearing the comments of the

- vi. Tenure and Promotion: There were external reviews on tenure and promotion. But there were no consistent rules about how the external letters were generated. Provost Gandy asked for comments from the Faculty Senate about whether we wanted to have external review. How do we want the review to be done?

**b. Dr. Bruce Schueneman, Library Director**

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#### **IV. Report of Officers**

##### **a. Senate President George Vargas: Meetings(s) with President Tallant and Provost Gandy**

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