

Senators Present : Ambrose Anoruo, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Jody Briones, April Conkey, Barbara Cooke, Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Armando Garza, Kristopher Garza, Christopher Hearon, Stan Hodges, Patricia Huskin, Khairul Islam, Elizabeth Janzen, Kai Jin, Don Jones, Dongnyoung Kim, Melody Knight, Lifford McLauchlan, Richard Miller, Joseph Sai,

and Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Anderson announced that a reception was scheduled next week for the outgoing AVP Research/Graduate Studies, Dr. Mohammed Abdelrahman, and she invited the Senate to attend. Dr. Shad Nelson was chosen to replace Dr. Rasmussen as Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences. The College of Arts and Science had five candidates interview on campus out of 41 applicants. Dr. Dolores Guerrero was selected as Dean (pending Board of Regent approval). Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. Alberto Ruiz (chair of the search committee) and the committee members for their hard work. The College of Engineering is currently conducting a search for a new Dean and currently has 40 applicants. Dr. Stephan Nix will be leaving the position August 31st so the committee will be working quickly over the summer. Dr. Anderson asked the committee to establish a short list by May 19th. She stated that candidates will be arriving on campus during the summer and invited senators to attend candidate interviews. The Provost Office is conducting a new internal search for the Dean of Honors College. Dr. Anderson stated she has listened to faculty concerns regarding Ad Astra and formed a taskforce on this topic. Dr. Darin Hoskisson served as chair of this taskforce and focused on two areas. One area was teaching Ad Astra to the campus community and the second was to eliminate bottlenecks. Dr. Hoskisson will be meeting with Dr. Anderson to deliver the taskforce's final report, which will be shared with the campus community. She thanked the taskforce for its work. During her short time at TAMUK, Dr. Anderson has attended three Board of Regent meetings, two Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meetings, and two Texas Chief Academic Officers (TCAO) meetings. She stated that prior to her arrival in Kingsville she had briefly examined issues related to faculty salaries and stated that she has asked for a thorough

