

## **Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2019**

**Senators Present:** Matthew Alexander, Ambrose Anoruo, Rudolf Bohm, Lucy Camacho, Jieming Chen, David Cutton, Michelle Garcia, Maribel Gonzalez-Garcia, Simona Hodis, Michael Houf, Ya-Wen Liang, Steven Lukefahr, Bruce Marsh, Craig A. Meyer, Richard Miller, Patrick Mills, Jesse Orth, Larry Peel, Humberto Perotto, Christine Radcliff, Alex Sanchez-Behar, Hans Schumann, Hui Shen, Ari Sherris, Amber Shipherd, Jennifer Sholtis, Harmeet Singh, Marsha Sowell, Haibin Su, Ramiro Torres, Benjamin Turner, Maria Velez-Hernandez, Subbarao Yelisetti, Teresa Young

**Senators Absent:** Manuel Flores, James Glusing, Lifford McLauchlan, Ryan Paul, Chika Rosenbaum, Jack Shorter

### **Call to Order and Quorum Call.**

At 3:32 p.m. President Anoruo asked the parliamentarian, Michelle Garcia, if enough members were present for a quorum. Senator Garcia replied in the affirmative.

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### III. Report of Officers

#### a. Senate President Anoruo

- i. **Secure source of communication for anonymity (Suggestion Box)**  
President Hussey has agreed to have one, and they are currently looking for a place to put it on campus.
- ii. **Senate Budget**  
There will be a budget increase that will allow the Senate President and President-Elect to the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting in the future.
- iii. **Faculty salary versus parity with median Cupa salary data**  
President Hussey does not want to cause attrition, so TAMUK will follow the lead of TAMU-CC but not in the same way.
- iv. **Elimination of University Committees**  
President Hussey has decided to eliminate the University Facility, Space and Budget committees. He feels that at this time the issues that these committees deal with can be better addressed in a more efficient manner.
- v. **Heritage Preservation Proposal**  
This is moving forward to document the buildings on campus through photos and drawings. It has a \$7,000 budget that was approved before President Hussey took over, and he has now funded it.
- vi. **Staff disability at TAMUK is low relative to institution size.**  
This is an issue that the Compliance office is talking about. President Anoruo said there is a number we should be at, but does not know if that number is set at the system, local or federal level.
- vii. **Smoking ban/smoke free campus**  
This is moving forward. The goal is for the whole A&M System to be smoke free. This also includes vaping.
- viii. **Student code of conduct – RELLIS versus individual campuses of the A&M System**  
Committees are forming to accomplish this. The System does not want to be involved.
- ix. **Appointment/filling of faculty senate committee vacancies**  
President Anoruo wanted to remind everyone that service on these committees is service to the University, and that everyone needs to share the work.
- x. **Electronic voting for Senate**  
The elections committee will be working through the Spring semester to create a procedure for electronic voting. A procedure must be established before any formal change to the Faculty Senate Constitution can be proposed.



c. Faculty Benefits Committee – No report

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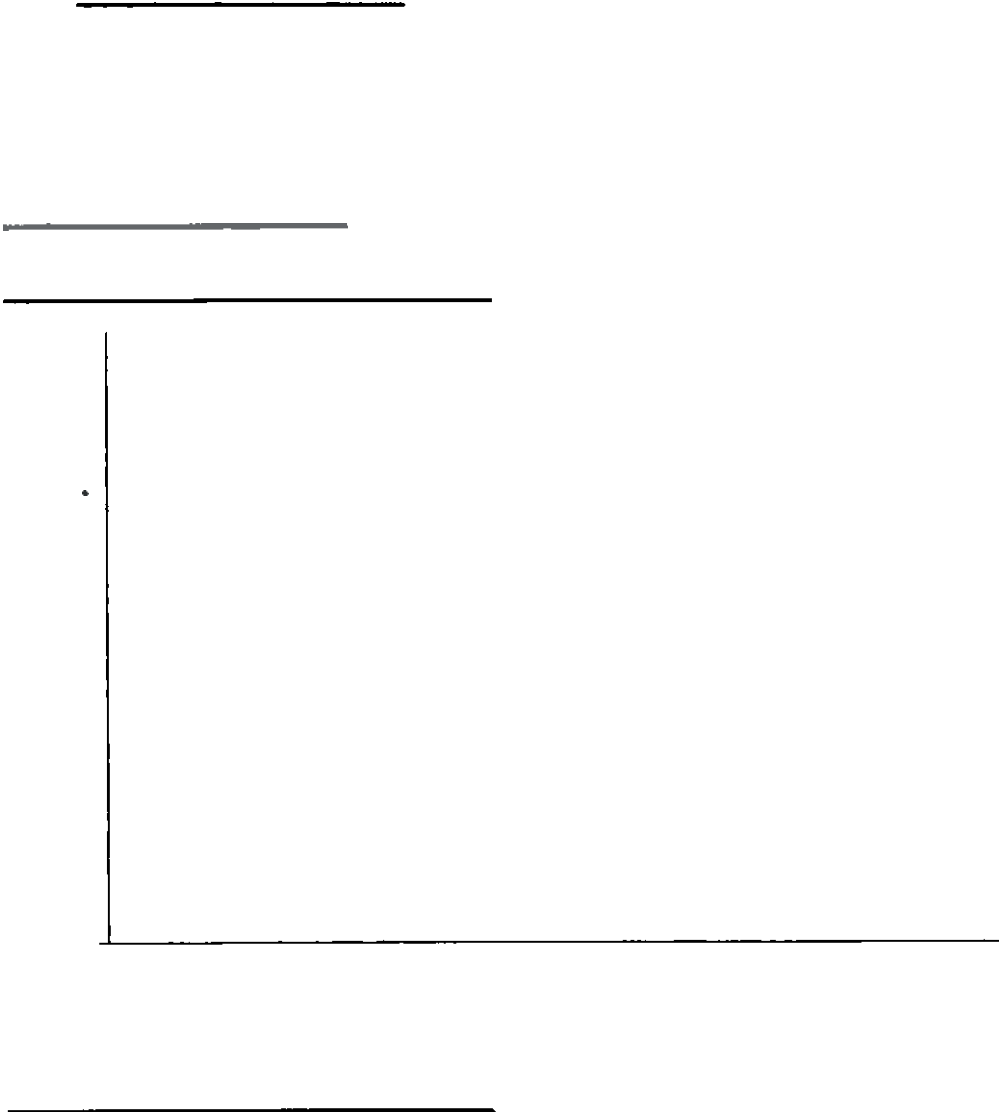
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