

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes ±September 3 , 2019

Senators Present: Matthew Alexander, Ambrose Anoruo, Rudolf Bohm, Lucy Camacho, Jieming Chen,
David Cutton, LaVonne Fedynich, Manuel Flores, Michelle Garcia, James Glusi792 r96 Tf 1 0 0 1 135.26 691.66 Tm 0 cI

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New - [SR 24.01.03 ±Environment](#)

New - [SR 24.01.08 ±Minors in Labs](#)

Revised - [SR 24.01.06 ±Program for Minors](#)

Revised - [SR 24.01.01 ±Health and Safety](#)

c. Dr. Mark Hussey, President

President Hussey focused his remarks on the following topics; 86th Legislative Session, Accomplishment of Faculty Senate issues from the Spring semester, Challenges, and Opportunities. He also allowed some time for Q/A from the Senators.

i. 86th Legislative Session

Hold harmless funds of \$6 million per year were maintained and

iii. Challenges

President Hussey did state that there has been a decline in enrollment at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and that this decline is not tied to any one College. He wanted to make it known that whenever he presents enrollment numbers, dual enrollment students are not included, however they are included in the numbers reported by the Institutional Research office. He reported that the rough numbers for the Fall semester would put TAMUK at about the same size as we were in FY 2013-2014.

He reminded everyone that FY2020-2021 will be the year that will have an impact on formula funding for the next legislative session. He would like to ask faculty to continue to help TAMUK in the following areas.

a. Retention of students

President Hussey asked that as faculty engage with students, if you notice any changes in a student to please reach out to advisors, department chairs, and deans for additional help. They may know of resources that are available that faculty might not be aware of for help with academics, counseling, and even short term financial issues.

b. Help with messaging

TAMUK needs to continue to promote our stories and what makes us unique. Things like our low faculty to student ratio, unique programs, exceptional programs, our beautiful aesthetic and being a residential campus.

President Hussey also spoke about budget challenges. He said WKHUH ZDV D EXGJHW GHFUHDVH WR DOO XQLWR RI (QUROOPHQW 0DQDJHPHQW 'HYHORSPHQW 2 Office, etc.) with the exceptions of Colleges and Departments. He emphasized that personnel reductions are not being considered as an option to make up the budget reductions.

Another unexpected challenge the University is having to recover from is the weather event of June 6th, 2019. That event caused \$5.6 million in damage to areas of the campus. He said that there was some insurance, but there is a \$300,000 deductible. The roofs that were damaged were covered under insurance along with the score board. Things not covered by insurance (press box, seats, softball & baseball fencing) to cost about \$1 million to repair.

iv. Opportunities

President Hussey does not want everyone to focus on the challenges, there are some exciting new developments. The main one is that effective September 1st, for any new grants with funding set aside for graduate students there will be a 1:1 match for additional graduate student funds as long as funds are available. PHD students will be supported for 3 years and MS graduate students for 2 years.

He mentioned that the two new grants in Engineering are eligible for this match. He also announced that there was a change to the

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VII.

Distinguished Faculty Service Award **Dr. Rajab Chaloo**

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Founding director of the University Honors Program which is now the Honors College
Department chair for many years where he more than tripled the student enrollment from approximately 350 to 1,300 students in less than 4 years

He grew the Department of Electrical Engineering by hiring more than 12 new faculty and a second secretary.

Dr. Chaloo was recognized by the former President, Dr. Tallant,

Additionally, Dr. Chaloo has served and contributed to the TAMUK Faculty Senate for many years and was elected by the TAMUK faculty to serve as **President** of the Faculty Senate **three times (2004, 2013, and 2015)**. This is remarkable as no one has ever been elected three times to serve as TAMUK Senate President. Dr. Chaloo has served as chair or member of **over 30 TAMUK committees** and many times as a judge in the Caller-times South Texas Distinguished Scholars Program and has received TAMUK **Award**.

Dr. Chaloo also has a distinguished record of performance in teaching and research. Here are a few highlights:

He was honored by the students in his department as **professor of the year four consecutive times** and **received a merit of excellence award** and the **TAMUKc**

National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research, and Department of Defense, and along with his colleagues and students has published **over 100 technical peer-reviewed papers**. He serves as **Editor-in-Chief** of the International Journal of Applied Sciences.

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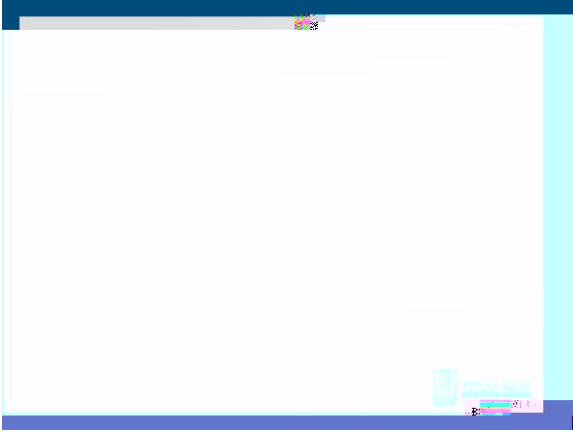
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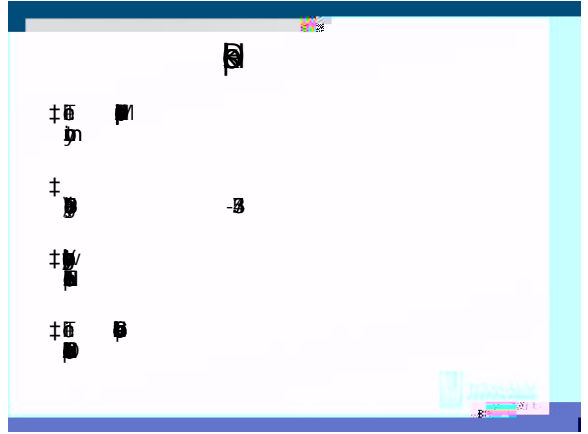
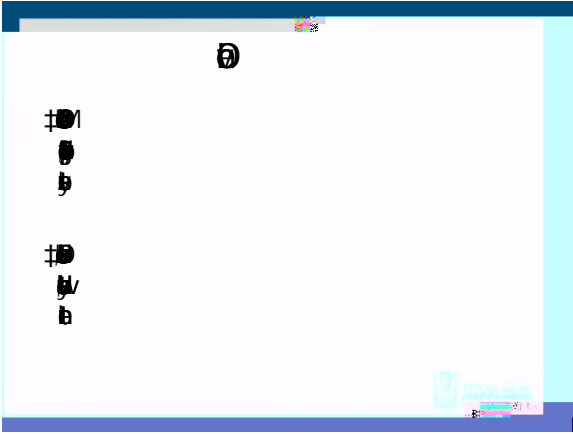
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