

Final Faculty Senate Minutes for March 26, 2010
JBK Room 11, 12:15 pm

1. Meeting called to order by Pres. Stuntz at 12:15p.m. Senators in attendance: Ambrose, Bigham, Branson, Browning, Byrd, Castillo, Chenoweth, Commissiong, Davis, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Friske, Landram, Lee, Parker, and Stuntz. Senators absent: Crafton, Rosa, and Trela. Substitutes: Leitch for Issa and Hansen for Parr-Scanlin. Guests: Dr. Amy Andersen.
2. Minutes from March 12, 2010 were approved as amended following a motion by Byrd and a second by DeOtte.
3. Comments from Amy Andersen
 - a. 4 pillars of evaluation: data from 4 different sources. Student, peer, administrator, and self-evaluation. Some departments use peer, but needs to be consistent and quantitative. Intends rubrics to be used to write APS. All online-evaluations will happen, so need other data to protect faculty.
 - b. Draft rubric for online is based on *Quality Matters*.
 - c. Much discussion about application of rubrics, with specific concerns related to adjusting to students' needs. Suggestion that new system needs to be tested in a pilot mode. Promote as tool for teaching improvement.
 - d. For next meeting, Senators will use the rubric for themselves and additional department members with different teaching styles, and report the results.
4. Reports from Committees
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Development and Student Learning – no report.
 - ii. Budget and Faculty Governance – no report.
 - iii. Assessment, Advising, Conduct, and Curriculum – no report.
 - iv. Commencement Speaker Committee – have a speaker for May, moving forward for August and December.
 - v. Advisory Council for External Funding – elect chair. Stuntz moved and Chenoweth seconded, and DeOtte elected as chair. He will find additional members.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Honorary Degree Recipient Requirements and Procedures – Browning moved and Davis seconded that responsibility for Honorary degree requirement be added to Commencement speaker committee. Approved.
 - ii. Regents Professor Nominations Committee – Browning, Hanson, and Castillo volunteered.
5. Old Business
 - a. Evaluation of Teaching – see notes under Dr. Andersen's comments.
 - b. Distance Education Fee – The questions were budgetary not technical so Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Hallmark will address them when they return.

- c. Regents Professor Nominations Procedure. Nominating form was emailed to faculty. Committee above will review the nominations and select the three finalists. Nominees will prepare a folder by April 21, for voting in the following week.
6. New Business
 - a. Student Endowment Scholarship Committee interim appointment – Dr. Neil Terry has suggested Sean Murphy. Hanson moved, Browning seconded, approved by Senate.
 7. Announcements
 - a. Library Update: Second signing of *Always WT* Sat. March 27 from 7-9p.m. Walt and Isabel Davis will have a signing Tues. March 30 from 11a.m.-1p.m. in the Blackburn room. Photo exhibit by Dr. Andersen is up. Looking at database usage statistics and costs, if it becomes necessary to stop any subscriptions.
 - b. Faculty Senate Medallions – no update.
 - c. Lighting the Flame – staff council was split on changing the name. Brainstorm for names.
 - d. Faculty Development Leave at Board of Regents voting today on the 4 sent forward.
 - e. Tenure and Promotion Review Committee has met. Some changes to wording on policies to come. Concerns on category wordings regarding service and research grants. Makeup of departmental committees to include all tenured faculty members in case of larger departments. Outstanding is redefined.
 - f. First Thursday will be tried to replace First Friday. On April 1, upstairs at Buffalo Courts, 4:30-6:00p.m.
 - g. Today is the last day to sign up for the Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Award
 - h. House Bill 2504. Question about requirement to evaluate over semester.
<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/81R/billtext/html/HB02504F.htm> Bill as passed
[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=N&p_rloc=143221&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=4&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=4&rl=225](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=N&p_rloc=143221&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=4&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=4&rl=225) Portion of the Texas Administrative Code with implementation from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
 8. Adjourned at 1:25 p.m. following motion by Branson.

These Minutes have been approved.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Chenoweth, Secretary.