

WTAMU Faculty Senate February 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 in the JBK Room 11 by President Harry Hueston.

Members present: Harry Hueston, presiding; Bill Ambrose, Syed Anwar, Sandy Babitzke, Gerald Chen, Mo Cuevas, Perry Crafton, Mary Jarvis, Frank Landram, Jessica Mallard, Liz Matos, Mike Meyers, Mark Riney, Jean Stuntz, Nagalapura Visnawath.

Member absent: Jeanette Embrey, Robert Hanson, Amy Newman, Keith Price, Darlene Pulliam, Bonnie Pendleton (the university calendar did not show the meeting date)

Harry Hueston distributed and talked about the Promotion and Tenure policy that Dr. O'Brien and the handbook committee has been working on. The document is a compilation of the work of the faculty senate Robert Hansen, and Dr. O'Brien. The senate's job from here is to circulate it to the entire faculty and get feedback. Dr. Hueston would like the feedback via email.

Harry would like this feedback prior to the February 29th meeting so that we can discuss it at the next meeting. He would also like to have this completed by the end of spring break. It is very important for us to get feedback from faculty and send that feedback forward. The senate discussed the document and the need for input to clarify points. The document is in draft form and open to changes and clarification.

MOTION: To approve minutes of February 1, 2008: Rosa, seconded by Stuntz, passed.

Pending Awards Process:

There are two awards – Regents and Faculty Development Leave Awards that need to be worked on and revised. Harry Hueston would like to send the information out to the entire faculty and would also like to form an ad hoc committee for the Regents award and another ad hoc committee to look at the faculty development leave policy. The Regents Award committee will include: Jean Stuntz, Sandy Babitzke (chair), and Mary Jarvis. The Faculty Development Leave committee will include: Duane Rosa (chair), Mark Riney, and Bill Ambrose.

NSSE surveys will be going out to some students. Please announce in your classes and encourage students to complete the surveys if they receive the invitation.

The WT Women's dinner will be February 22, 2008. Please plan to attend. The dinner raises money for scholarships and attendees can attend the theatre production of Julius Caesar after the dinner.

Harry Hueston distributed a draft of the Academic Probation and Suspension policy for undergraduates. We should look over the draft and provide feedback once we get done with promotion and tenure.

Motion to adjourn: Stuntz, seconded by Matos at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mallard (for Robert Hansen, secretary)

These minutes have not been approved.